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LATEST INTELLIGENCE
By Telegraph to the New-York Times.

IMPORTANT FROM NICARAGUA.

Arrival of the Empire City at New-Orleans.

Successful Landing of Gen. Walker in Nicaragua.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

$2,250,000 IN TREASURE EN ROUTE.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The steamship Empire City, from New-York, touched at Havana, to relieve of the Fashion, but will probably be got off to-night.

She connected at Havana with the steamship Star of the West, from Aspinwall, with the California mails and about two and a quarter millions in treasure for New-York.

The mails per Empire City will not be up to-night, but in their absence we have the following abstract of her news, which is highly important, by the Southern Inland line.

General WALKER, who, it will be recollected, took his departure from Mobile bay on the 12th ult., in the schooner Fashion, landed at Punta Arenas, in Nicaragua, on the 25th November, with one hundred and fifty men.

Not the slightest attempt was made to prevent the landing, and in fact the purpose of the expedition appeared to have not even been guessed.

The United States sloop-of-war *Saratoga* was lying in the harbor, and the Fashion passed under her stern at full speed, with only ten men on deck.

The whole party were landed at Scott's wharf.

Gen. WALKER had, it seems, sent 50 men up the river by other entrances, before making his appearance at Punta Arenas.

After landing the expedition the Fashion took her departure for Aspinwall, where, at the departure of the Star of the West, she was taking coal on board.

Commodore PAULDING, of the United States frigate Wabash, attempted to seize her at Aspinwall, but, on examining her papers, found them correct, and consequently could take no further steps against her.

The British and American naval forces had sailed from Aspinwall for San Juan, and would very probably take part in the scenes in that vicinity, or at least prevent the landing of any more filibusters.

It was supposed that the difficulties between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, alluded to in previous accounts, would be settled without a resort to hostile measures.

The news from California by this arrival embraces no points of special interest.

The public were much excited with regard to the seaworthiness of the Pacific mail steamers.

The following vessels had arrived at San Francisco, from Atlantic ports since the departure of the steamer of the 5th of November, viz.: *Sierra Nevada, Aurora, Old Colony, Goddess, Herald of the Morning,* and *Sarah Penn*.

OTHER DISPATCHES.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The *Fashion* landed General WALKER at Greytown with four hundred men. The ordnance which he expected to find there had been disposed of. He will receive an additional force of one thousand men, which will leave Mobile, this week, under the command of General HEBERT. Walker stock is up to-night.

MOBILE, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The *Fashion* landed her passengers at Greytown on the 25th November.

The Newfoundland Telegraph Line.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Saturday, Dec. 12.

The Newfoundland Telegraph Line has been down East of Port au Basque since Monday last and is still interrupted. This is the first time the line has been out of working order for an hour. The cable remains perfect.

Resumption of Specie Payments.

IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 12.

Consequent upon the announcement of the resumption of specie payment by the New-York Banks, the Banks of this city will also resume specie payment on Monday next.

IN ALBANY.

ALBANY, Saturday, Dec. 12.

At a meeting of Bank Directors this day, it was resolved that the Banks of Albany would resume specie payments to-day.

IN NEW-HAVEN.

NEW-HAVEN, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The banks in this city have resumed specie payments.

The Southern Mail.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 13.

The Southern mail from all points, as late as due, has been received, together with later news from Northern Mexico.

The bark *Seraphine*, from San Juan for New-York, lost her spars in the recent gale, and put into New-Orleans for repairs. She was leaking badly.

A ship, supposed to be the *Floating Zephyr*, of Boston, with a cargo of lumber, was seen water-logged, in lat. 28°, long. 74°.

The Case of Donnelly.

TRENTON, Saturday, Dec. 12.

Governor NEWELL has called an extra session of the Court of Pardons for Tuesday, the 22d inst., at which time the case of DONNELLY, convicted of the murder of Moses at the Highlands, and sentenced to be hung, will be finally disposed of.

Funeral of Col. John K. Paige.

SCHENECTADY, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The funeral of Col. JOHN K. PAIGE took place this afternoon. Mayors FERRY and QUACKENBOSS, with the Common Council and many gentlemen from Albany, St. George's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and the members of the bar of this city, were in attendance. Rev. Dr. KENNEDY, of Troy, was the officiating clergyman.

The Canal and the Weather.

SCHENECTADY, Saturday, Dec. 12.

No boats are passing either way on the canal. The weather is clear and not very cold.

Vice-President Breckinridge.

MONTGOMERY, Friday, Dec. 11.

Vice-President BRECKINRIDGE passed through this city to-day, on his way to Washington.

Foreign Trade of Boston.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The imports of foreign goods at the port of Boston for the week ending Dec. 11, were as follows:

Dry Goods	$[illegible]	Hides and Skins	$54,111
Drugs	17,411	Tobacco	67,821
Iron and Steel	[illegible]	Cannon	71,[illegible]
Hides and Skins	[illegible]	Molasses	20,152
Gin	[illegible]	Specie	23,744
Window Glass	[illegible]	Hemp, and its manufacture	[illegible]
Wool	38,519	Sugar	17,812
Other Articles	288,194	Total	$1,102,224
Corresponding week in 1856	[illegible]	Increase in 1857	$262,[illegible]

Marine Disasters.

QUEENS FERRY, L. I., Friday, Dec. 11, 1857.

The schooner *John L. Schriver*, of and from Philadelphia, for Boston, with 200 tons coal, came on shore this morning opposite Southampton. Crew saved by the life-boat—vessel sunk between the bar and beach, and will be a total loss.—*By letter to Edward Walter.*

The Hell-Gate pilot-boat *Four Sisters*, was run into this morning, off the Stepping Stones, by sloop *M. M. Freeman*, cutting the boat's starboard quarter down to the water; also broke main boom and head rigging.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Position of Senator Douglas and the Administration.

Treasury Notes to the Amount of $20,000,000 to be Issued—The Standing Committees—Mr. William Gore Ouseley, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The Treasury Note Bill will be among the very first measures reported to the House next week. Its provisions will embrace the authority asked for by the Treasury Department to issue and keep in employment, for one year only, twenty millions Treasury Notes of the denomination of $50 and upwards; the rate of interest to be left in the discretion of the Secretary, and which it is now understood, will not exceed three per cent. per annum.

The Secretary has received assurances from New-York that this rate will command at once all the money the engagements of the Government through the winter will require over and above his current revenues from customs. These revenues, he is now induced from general inquiry to believe, will more rapidly recover from the effect of the late crisis, than was generally supposed on the assembling of Congress. It is also intimated that the Secretary will employ part of the issue of Treasury notes at a nominal interest, provided further inquiry and the early prospect of a renewed activity at the Custom-House and Land offices, and the nature of the disbursements at the West and on the Pacific, where said notes would be desirable as a medium of exchange, should authorize the calculation of their having free currency at par with gold.

The three per cent. notes will at once be placed with the Sub-Treasurers and at the Mint, to be exchanged on application for Gold. All the notes will be made receivable for Government dues, but will contain no funding clause, as they are to be redeemed at the end of the year. S.

[FROM THE REPORTER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The House Committee appointed to inquire when the new hall would be ready for occupancy have agreed to recommend a removal on Wednesday, although the premises are banked with rubbish, and are in an unfinished condition. Captain MEIGS, the Superintendent, has made no provision for the newspaper press—an omission for which he is justly censured.

The Senate caucus yesterday postponed the proposition for the election of new officers, excepting the public printer, until December next. They were driven to this course by the importunities of office-seekers.

Speaker ORR was all day closeted at the Capitol with his political friends, forming the standing committees, which probably will be announced on Monday.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 13.

The object of Sir WILLIAM GORE OUSELEY'S mission will not be specifically communicated to the State Department until the opinion of Her Majesty's Government relative to that part of the President's Message concerning Central America shall have been ascertained.

More than $100,000 has been distributed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, in part payment of the mileage of members of Congress.

It is contemplated to pass a resolution this week, to pay arrearages of salary from the 4th of March last, now, instead of waiting till the end of the Session. About $600,000 will be required for this purpose.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1857.

It is not true that any formal efforts to read Senator DOUGLAS out of the Democratic Party have been essayed by a caucus of Senators, although every rival, of course, seeks to dispose of him by remarks and insinuations tending in that direction. The task would be found difficult,—and if possible to be accomplished would leave the party itself so dilapidated as scarcely to be worth the attempt at saving. Public sentiment at the South, which on the question of Slavery is exacting as the grave itself, demands of Representatives of all parties from that section unconditional support of the Lecompton fraud; but no man from the Free States can lend the scheme his countenance without doing violence to his own conscience, and the sentiments of his constituents whether Democrats or Republicans. This is well understood here; and, as nothing would be more hopeless than the condition of the South without Northern support, Southern Senators will wait awhile before closing the door of reconciliation forever with Mr. DOUGLAS and those Democrats who shall choose to act with him.

If they had needed a warning upon this point they have it in the action of the Indiana Representatives in Congress, who have given notice that, upon this Kansas question they must abandon the Administration and stand by DOUGLAS and "popular sovereignty." The Illinois delegation will assuredly follow suit. If these movements, from the only States of the North except Pennsylvania which voted for BUCHANAN, are not to be taken as evidence of the overwhelming Democratic sentiment throughout the Free States, where shall we look for better. Public meetings and presses, everywhere in the North, except when controlled by Federal patronage, give expression of Democratic concurrence with Mr. DOUGLAS; and even if, by a judicious distribution of patronage, Mr. BUCHANAN could succeed in forcing the Lecompton Constitution upon Kansas, every Northern Democrat who expresses his opinion, concedes that the effect would be to wipe out his party in every subsequent Free-State election.

No man knows this better than does the Senator from Illinois. If he can succeed in his present struggle for the right, he will save his party from destruction; while, if he yields to the wrong and suffers its consummation in silence, a political grave yawns inevitably before him and all his friends; so he has not even the claims of self-interest to check his present course. Policy and right in this instance go hand in hand. On the one side there is everything to *save*, and on the other everything to lose. What folly is it then to anticipate the least retrograde movement by DOUGLAS and his friends.

But I am not of those who seek to disparage the Senator's efforts by reflecting upon his motives. He is *doing* right—why then charge him with doing it *only* for self? A good motive is more naturally ascribed to a good act than is a bad one; why then attempt to rob Mr. DOUGLAS of due credit or the bold and manly contest against party discipline and power which he is now waging? Certainly he never seemed to me to have so much of heart in any of his public discussions as now; and never was he more resolute and scornfully defiant of all assaults or opposition. Standing upon the rock of Truth, and assured that no sophistry can choke it, he calmly surveys the storm now bursting over his head, as confident of ultimate success and safety as in the hour of his acknowledged leadership of the Democratic Party.

The President is unfortunate in his friends, and has learned by this time that it is quite impossible to have a competent leader upon the floor of the Senate, without having at the same time a man who will gain personal laurels also, and so become a rival to be feared. Mr. BIGLER'S failure settles that point, and the Senator from Pennsylvania will be withdrawn to the rear like a dilapidated soldier. Who will take his place, as the champion of the President and Lecompton, is a question of much interest. It must be either TOOMBS, JEFF. DAVIS or HUNTER. Mr. TOOMBS, who is a sort of political nondescript, is not yet arrived. He is probably waiting for the smoke of the first broadside to lift, in order that he may see more clearly the position of affairs, and judge which side is likely to get whipped. He would naturally be expected to side with the Lecomptonites, but he is a bold man, erratic as a comet, and quite as likely to turn up somewhere else. Just reflected to the Senate for six years, he can afford to risk something. "DOUGLAS and TOOMBS" wouldn't be a bad ticket in 1860.

Mr. DAVIS and HUNTER are not especially friendly to the Administration. They "support it," of course; but their support will be found eventually very much like that which a man may be supposed to derive from a dagger point just under the fifth rib, and which is sure to find his heart as soon as he ventures to lean upon it. HUNTER will not forget the partnership between the President and Mr. WISE, his own political rival. If he takes the Administration up now to carry it through the present crisis, he will let it slip down and suffocate in the first dirty puddle beyond. Mr. DAVIS, the ablest, boldest and most manly of all the fire-eaters, would be suspicious company for Mr. BUCHANAN in any emergency. In his hands the President must necessarily abandon all hope of conservative support. Besides, Mr. DAVIS has a mission, that of defending the Administration of FRANKLIN PIERCE, of which he was a member, and showing it to be the model Administration. It is not to be expected that he will consent to forego this for the sake of piloting Mr. BUCHANAN successfully through. If the present Administration is weak and breaks down, the strength of its predecessor will be the more apparent by contrast. Why should DAVIS stand before the sun and so cast shadow upon that with which he is himself identified. He will not; and if Mr. BUCHANAN puts himself in his hands, woe betide the fame to which he aspires.

On every side the President is beset with difficulties, growing out of his ill-judged support of the Lecompton scheme; and in every forward step he finds, and *will* find, himself treading upon thorns. There is no safety for him, except in retreat. Those who would help him through—such as BIGLER—are unequal to the task; and those who might do it after a fashion, will not except for the ultimate purpose of sacrificing him upon their own altars. In losing such men as WALKER and DOUGLAS, he loses, at the very threshold of his Administration, all chance of carrying it through with credit. It is passing strange that he will not or cannot foresee this, and is consequently rushing towards a failure as total and ignominious as that of his Bigler Pro-to-type upon the floor of the Senate.

An evidence that the President begins to suspect the extent of his blunder is found in his appointment of WM. A. RICHARDSON to be Governor of Nebraska, only a day or two ago. RICHARDSON openly proclaims his hostility to Lecompton, and his sympathy with Mr. DOUGLAS' present position. Yet he was nominated and confirmed, notwithstanding his habits, unless speedily reformed, will quite unfit him for the duties of so responsible a position.

I must again beg leave to correct a typographical error, occurring in my letter of the 10th, and to assure your readers that it was the "Whig" and not the "*ruling*" party (as printed) to Mr. SEWARD'S position some years ago, I undertook to refer. S.

Democratic Views of New-York Politics—Neglect of the New-York Democracy.

From the Albany Atlas and Argus.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1857.

The great event which all tongues are discussing, and will continue to discuss for an indefinite period, and which has engrossed intense interest here, was the speech of Judge DOUGLAS on the Kansas matter of the President's Message. The Senate galleries were crowded at an early hour, in anticipation of this event, and the space allotted to privileged persons on the floor I never saw so full before. In the latter locality I noticed Lord NAPIER and Sir WM. GORE OUSELEY, both of whom were attentive listeners, and a spectator even told me that Lord NAPIER so far forgot himself as to cry "Hear! hear!" at the close of the Senator's speech, but I cannot vouch for the incident. The telegraph will doubtless have given you the leading points presented by the Senator before you get my letter; I have not time to go into detail, and am indisposed to comment. It is enough to say that Judge DOUGLAS has evidently studied his course, and has made a venture characterized by his usual boldness. There are signs that he will be supported by Senators FOGG, of Ohio, and STUART, of Michigan; but this will probably be all of the Democratic Senators who will adopt and act upon his views. I do not know of any member of the New-York delegation, in the House, who will follow the Senator from Illinois, but the course of one member is at least a matter of inquiry and speculation.

There are interesting times ahead. I shall write again in a day or two on this subject.

The business of organizing the House having been effected, and the subordinate officers having, for the most part, been appointed, there will be an immediate disposition of a good portion of the large crowd who were here last week, and the first part of this. There has been a terrible rush for the few clerkships, &c., in the gift of the Clerk of the House, Doorkeeper, &c., and these gentlemen have experienced, in miniature, the miseries which surround an incoming President. Colonel ORR appoints only two subordinates, yet he declares that he has absolutely been run down with applications. Office-seeking has, in fact, got to be a regular business, and it is pursued with almost invariable success by persons who reside here in the District, at the expense of nearly all who come from distant States. New-York has thus far got nothing, that I have heard of. Her delegation presented a candidate for doorkeeper, in the person of G. B. WOODBRIDGE, but a Virginian, a resident of the District, outstripped him; a resident of the District got the office of postmaster; a Virginian, Mr. BANKS, will get half of the public printing, *sub rosa*; and the best office in the gift of the doorkeeper has been given to a gentleman residing here, already in possession of a good Government office. So we go. *New-York, in the distribution of the patronage, is nowhere.* And yet it would seem that she has some claims. Her delegation is one of the ablest that comes from any State, and her late splendid victory over Black Republicanism rivals, if it does not excel that splendid contest in which Gov. WISE overthrew Know-Nothingism in Virginia.

I think the New-York delegation will take much higher rank in the House than it has in the disposal of patronage.

There are a good many new faces, to me, in the seats of honorable members. It is a consolation, however, that most of them are Democratic. The only new member for New-York, on the Republican side, with a previous reputation, is Hon. JOHN THOMPSON, of Poughkeepsie, who has had considerable success as a lecturer and as an advocate. It remains to be seen what rank he will take in the House.

There has been some "odorous comparisons," as Dogberry would say, between the old and the new Hall of the House of Representatives; and on the whole I find many who give the preference to the former. The roof of the new Hall is admitted to present a fine, if not a splendid effect, and the simple, chaste style of the Speaker's desk is also admired; but the verdict uttered against the sides of the Hall, by men of taste, is crushingly unanimous. Their tinsel adornments, flashy finery, and tawdry decorations utterly defeat all the purposes of the architectural art. Dignity and decency are alike disregarded. There is no fitter phrase of characterization than the one I have heard repeatedly used, namely, that the absurd finery with which the sides of the Hall are decorated, seems calculated to adorn the walls of an ice-cream or drinking saloon, rather than the place of meeting of the House of Representatives. I sincerely hope the Representatives will not consent to occupy this Chinese pagoda, until this is changed.

Later from Havana.

ARRIVAL OF THE DANIEL WEBSTER.

The steamship *Daniel Webster*, THOMAS MINER Commander, from New-Orleans the 5th and Havana the 6th, arrived last evening, at 8 o'clock.

The steamship *Empire City*, GRIFFIN, hence for New-Orleans, arrived at Havana on the 6th inst. at 2 P. M.

The steamship *Star of the West*, from Aspinwall, had not arrived, nor was in sight when the *Daniel Webster* left Havana.

On the 9th inst. at 3 P. M., 28 miles north of the Cape of Florida, the *Daniel Webster* exchanged signals with steamship *Granada*, hence for Havana.

We are indebted to the purser of the *Daniel Webster* for late Havana papers, but they contain nothing of interest.

A CURRENT SLANDER.—The papers in the West lately gave out that a Republican officer had been indicted at the West for crime. The Syracuse *Standard* explains: "The official referred to is Mr. FITZHUGH. We learn the 'fraudulent representations' were made by an agent of Messrs. FITZHUGH & LITTLEJOHN, without the knowledge of these gentlemen, and that neither is in any way justly implicated. By these representations a large sum of money was borrowed from the Illinois Banks which never came into the possession of the firm. Mr. FITZHUGH was indicted at Chicago, as represented by the *Union*, and a requisition made for him upon Governor KING, who, after investigating the matter, refused to grant the request on the ground that the charge of felony was entirely groundless."

LATE AND IMPORTANT FROM KANSAS.

Secretary Stanton's Proclamation—The Free-State Delegate Convention at Lawrence.

Correspondence of the Missouri Democrat.

LAWRENCE, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1857.

A great Convention of the Free-State Party was held in this town yesterday. It was the most enthusiastic assemblage of the Free-State men that I ever witnessed. Every District was largely represented. STANTON'S proclamation astonished every one. A vote of thanks to him was unanimously passed at the Convention, and three of the most radical anti-Slavery men appointed to deliver it. I believe it was a bid on his part; but, although we thank him for the act, he can't be Senator.

A great Convention will be held at Lecompton on Monday. Five thousand persons are expected to attend. Arrangements are being made to encamp.

The publication of the Crusader of Freedom has been postponed till January 1, in consequence of the early closing of navigation.

I submit the proclamation of STANTON:

PROCLAMATION CONVENING THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE.

"To the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Kansas:

An extraordinary occasion having occurred in the affairs of the Territory, within the meaning of the 30th Section of the Organic Act, which authorizes the Legislature to be called together upon such occasions;

I, FREDERICK P. STANTON, Secretary of and Acting Governor, do hereby summon the members of the Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory, to assemble in the house in their respective houses at Lecompton, on Monday next, the 7th inst., then and there to consider matters of great moment, pertaining to the public welfare.

Given under the Seal of the Territory at Lecompton, this the first day of December, A. D. 1857. FRED. P. STANTON.

[L. S.]

THE CONVENTION AT LAWRENCE.

LAWRENCE, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1857.

The largest and most important delegate convention ever held in Kansas, was organized in this place to-day. The entire Territory was represented by a full delegation, and matters of momentous importance were discussed. The Convention was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., by G. W. SMITH, of Lawrence. W. Y. ROBBINS, of Wyandott, was appointed Chairman, and S. F. TAPPAN, of Lawrence, Secretary, on temporary organization. A Committee of one from each Senatorial District, under the Topeka organization, was appointed on credentials, and also a Committee on permanent organization, appointed in the same manner, and consisting of the same members, after which the Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Convention assembled at the designated time, and the Committee on permanent organization reported GOV. C. ROBINSON President of the Convention, and W. A. PHILLIPS, A. WATTLES and Dr. MACY, Secretaries. Gov. ROBINSON took the stand amid shouts of applause.

A Committee of one from each Senatorial District was appointed on resolutions for the action of the Convention. The meeting was addressed by Judge JOHNSON, of Leavenworth, and others, during the absence of the Committee, after which it adjourned until evening. At the specified time the Convention assembled, and the Committee on Resolutions were called for. The Committee presented, through General LANE, their Chairman, the following resolutions, which were adopted without a word from any member, either *pro* or *con.* by nine unanimous cheers from the entire assemblage. A more determined expression of sentiment I never witnessed.

EVENING SESSION.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was made, and accepted on motion of Mr. FOSTER, of Osawatomie.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION.

We, the people of Kansas, in delegate Convention assembled, at Lawrence, this 2d day of December, 1857, do set forth the following to our fellow-citizens and the people of the United States:

Circumstances of an extraordinary character threaten to imperil the peace of this Territory, and to deprive a majority of the people of their rights, as citizens of this republic to govern the same.

On the 30th of March, 1855, an armed force from Missouri violently took possession of the polls in Kansas, and fraudulently elected a Territorial Legislature, with sentiments adverse to the opinions of a majority of the people, and enacted laws cruel and oppressive. A Legislature, composed in part of persons elected as above, and of other persons elected in October, 1856, in like violent and fraudulent manner, and under degrading test oaths enacted by the previous body, passed an act for the creation of a Constitutional Convention under a partial partisan registration and apportionment, and in the election of members to said Constitutional Convention, the law providing for the same was never complied with in many important and essential particulars, especially making a complete census of the people and registry of the voters of the Territory, fifteen entire counties being totally disfranchised, and many voters in the other counties left off. The Convention that assembled in Lecompton in September last, thus elected, have proceeded to frame a Constitution for the State of Kansas, in defiance of the fact that they, by their own record, represented a small minority of the people of this Territory, that their proceedings were protested against by the people on the ground of illegality and unfairness, and that the presence of a portion of the United States army was necessary to protect them during their sittings against the indignation of an outraged people. In the face of these facts they refuse to submit the instrument they have thus framed to a vote of the people for ratification or rejection. They provide for a swindle, styled by them an election, in which neither the Constitution, nor any material part thereof, can be elected or rejected. They have pending this action, provided for a State election on the first Monday of January next, under said instrument, and under the authority of a usurping regency, unknown to constitutional authority, and dangerous to the liberties of the people, the design of the same being to rob from the people of Kansas their rights, as rescued through the ballot-box in October last, and destroy the only legitimate Territorial Legislative body ever in Kansas. This dangerous assumption of power calls for a prompt and efficient remedy from the people, the only legitimate source of power; therefore,

Resolved, That we utterly repudiate said Constitution, framed at Lecompton; that it is an instrument hostile to the popular will, and appealing to the God of justice and humanity for the rectitude of our intentions, we do solemnly enter into a league and covenant with each other, that we shall *never*, under any circumstances, permit the said Constitution, so framed, and not submitted, to be the organic law for the State of Kansas, but do pledge our lives, our fortunes and sacred honor in ceaseless hostility to the same.

Resolved, That we denounce the so-called election of Dec. 21 as a swindle, and the election of Jan. 4, 1858, as a crime and misdemeanor against the peace of this Territory and the will of the majority.

Resolved, That the Legislature elected in this Territory on the 5th day of October, 1857, is the only legitimate law-making body that has ever been elected for the Territory of Kansas, and that its functions shall not be suspended by any Constitution or State Government, until a fair and impartial vote shall be had on the same.

Resolved, That this delegate Convention do hereby reindorse the Constitution known as the Topeka Constitution, and do declare it to represent the wishes of the majority of the people of Kansas, to-day, and that when it shall have again received the popular sanction, under authority of the only legitimate Territorial Legislature ever convened in Kansas Territory, recognized by the authority of the United States, that we shall maintain it against all opposition.

Resolved, That, looking chiefly to the above end, we respectfully memorialize the Territorial Legislature, about to convene in extra session on the 7th instant, to frame a fair and impartial election law, and that they, under it, do submit the two Constitutions—the People's Constitution framed at Topeka, and the Constitution framed at Lecompton—to a vote of this Territory, and that the said Legislature provide that the Constitution which shall receive a majority of all the legal votes shall become the fundamental law for the State of Kansas.

After the adoption of the resolutions, Gen. LANE was called for and made a speech. The following resolution was introduced by WM. A. PHILLIPS and adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention do express its approbation of the act of Hon. FRED. P. STANTON, convening a special session of the Territorial Legislature in this emergency, and that we thank him for this expression in favor of rescuing the public peace and the rights of the people.

The Convention was then addressed by Dr. GOSS, of Atchison, in an able and interesting manner. The doctor is a German by birth, and a refugee from Hungary. He is the editor of the Kansas *Zeitung*, in Atchison, and a humorous and sarcastic speaker, which, taken in connection with his broken English, never fails to "bring down the house."

The audience was also addressed by several able and eloquent speakers, among whom were Dr. DAVIS, T. DWIGHT THACHER, JAMES REDPATH, and others, and adjourned to meet in mass meeting at Lecompton next Monday.

☞ The late Judge PAIGE, of Albany, commenced his career as an officer in the army, and served through the war of 1812 as Captain, and held for 19 years the post of Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State, which he relinquished in 1842. In 1844-4 he was Mayor of Albany, and was at the time of his death Regent of the University of this State, to which he had been chosen in 1839.

THE UTAH EXPEDITION.

Reported Loss of all Col. Johnston's Provisions—Prospect of a Prolonged Contest.

Correspondence Cincinnati Times.

LEAVENWORTH CITY, K. T., Nov. 28, 1857.

An express arrived here to-day from Fort Laramie, bringing startling intelligence from the plains. It is that the Mormons have attacked and captured all the provisions, mules and horses belonging to Col. Johnston's command! The United States troops, therefore, are without the means of even reaching Fort Laramie. Col. JOHNSTON, therefore, finds himself compelled to march forthwith on Salt Lake City, or perish by starvation in the mountains. The news is brought by the express rider that he has determined to march at once upon Salt Lake City, and quarter with the Mormons this Winter or fight! The intelligence has produced quite a sensation here, as it is feared Col. JOHNSTON is in a fearful position, from which he cannot extricate himself, and that his command is doomed to a fearful fate.

From the St. Louis Republican, 9th.

By express we receive one letter, written in great haste, the contents of which we proceed to make public. No locality is given, but it bears date the 24 November, and says:

The command under Col. COOKE, composed mainly of cavalry, has now reached a position hundred and fifty miles west of Fort Laramie. Thus far all has been pleasant and easy traveling. We have experienced no inconvenience from the Indians or the Mormons, and the weather is not to be complained of. But now a different state of things is coming upon us. The animals begin to fail; the provender is giving out; provisions for the army are growing scarce; the weather is growing colder, and it is apparent that great hardships are before us.

To-day, an express reached our encampment, with information corroborative of the former news of the burning of the provision train intended for this expedition, and bringing the additional information that the Mormons had run off six hundred head of cattle which had been used by RUSSELL & WADDELL in transporting Government goods in the direction of Utah. This was done in the vicinity of Col. ALEXANDER'S command. That officer, (Col. A.) is now in the vicinity of Ham's Fork of Green river, 220 miles from this camp. Before this time Colonel JOHNSTON has joined him. So that the whole of the military force now designed to be employed against the Mormons will be concentrated, as far as can be, this Winter, within two weeks from this date (Nov. 3.) But they will not be in good plight for the performance of military service, as they are much wearied and greatly in want of food and clothing. You may set it down as certain that the entire command will proceed as rapidly as the *elements*—the cold weather and the snow—will permit; dependent, moreover, upon the supplies of food. This will be done notwithstanding all the threats which reach us from Great Salt Lake City. I beg you to consider, however, if within the next ten days the weather should set in very cold, and the snow be very heavy, *an incredible amount of suffering must be produced, and the expedition will be a hazardous as well as expensive one.* The forage will have given out before that time, and the men will have to rely on what they can find on the route and can pack on their backs, until they can reach the winter quarters marked out for them by Col. JOHNSTON, on Henry's Fork of Green river.

Governor CUMMING and the Secretary of the Territory, Mr. HARTNEY, are with us and well. It is their intention to enter upon the duties assigned them in Salt Lake City, unless some extraordinary power is interposed to prevent them from so doing.

It is now more certain than ever, that the Mormons are determined to resist to *the last*, the entry of either the Territorial officers, or the military force under Col. JOHNSTON, into Utah. So you may expect to hear of battles and rumors of battles, from this time forward. The troops of Uncle Sam can, no doubt, hold their own, but up to this time it is admitted that they meet BRIGHAM YOUNG and his forces under unfavorable circumstances.

We hear it rumored, that it is the intention of BRIGHAM YOUNG to fight off the Government troops this Winter, as this is the best chance for an equal conflict with them; and then, before reinforcements can be sent out against them in the Spring, to destroy all his possessions in Utah, and set out for another country.

On the envelope of this letter, it is said: Since the within was written I have learned officially, that there has been a skirmish, in which Col. ALEXANDER'S troops captured three or four Mormons—two by the name of HICKMAN, and the other a Maj. TAYLOR, of the Mormon soldiery.

The St. Louis *Democrat* adds:

"Monsieur MAGNAN reached here last evening, just forty days from Salt Lake City. He reports having met the Government trains blocked up in the snow—the cattle dying, and the officers and men gloomy and despondent. The Mormons were making the most active preparations to repel the troops. BRIGHAM YOUNG had stated in public council that he would harass the United States forces and keep them out until they received recruits enough to overpower him, and then after burning the city, he would lead his people into the mountains."

The *Democrat* has also an article exposing the mismanagement of the Expedition, and setting forth the difficulties to be encountered:

"The expedition is the premeditated murder of brave men—the sacrifice of thousands of lives to a mere political complication. Had the 'Army of the West' started when their presence was called for—had it been composed of troops suited to the emergency—had their advance into the valley of the Salt Lake been chosen with any military sagacity, we should have been in receipt of news telling of a territory tranquillized, and a nest of usurpers brought to recognize their constitutional obligations, instead of lamenting the perilous condition of our soldiers.

But what is the spectacle? A detachment, with a wagon to each man, and ten horses to each wagon, is sent forward to pioneer the way. In the advance guard is the military chest of the army, together with three-fourths of their ammunition, and the train of sixty wagons, as we now learn, is cut off by the Mormons. If the Government had only sent on the arms in advance, also, the work would have been completed. A United States army would have been encamped amid the snows of the South Pass, without a bayonet and without a cartridge.

The blooded horses and worn-out mules which accompany the expedition cannot live through the Winter. If sustained by government forage, it will be upon corn at ten dollars a bushel; if they live on pea-vines, not one in a thousand will survive till Spring. Only the wreck of an advance guard will be left to tell where the 'Army of the West' wintered."

From the Western Dispatch, extra, Dec. 2.

By the arrival of an express from Ham's Fork, sent in by WADDELL, RUSSELL & Co., and also bearing Government dispatches, we have much later news from the Plains than that which has been published. The expressman, Mr. STEPHEN T. RANNARARDER, who was wagon-master of the train of Messrs. WADDELL, RUSSELL & Co., which was destroyed by the Mormons, left Ham's-Fork about 1 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 1, and arrived in this city this evening.

Mr. RANNARARDER had charge of the cattle of the destroyed train of WADDELL, RUSSELL & Co., but having only nine men they were attacked by about seventy-five Mormons within two miles of Colonel ALEXANDER'S command, and the cattle taken from him. He informs us that the Mormons had burnt the grass in every direction, and that the Government stock was starving and freezing to death at the rate of fifteen or twenty per day. This is the more seriously felt, as the horses attached to the battery are from this cause already inadequate to the service required of them.

The news from Salt Lake, received up to the time of the departure of the express, fully confirms the news already received of the determined resistance of the Mormons. All of the mountain passes are strongly fortified, at each of which is stationed 40 or 50 men, who in their position are well able to stop the further approach of our troops during the Winter.

Col. ALEXANDER had taken three Mormon prisoners, among them a brother of the notorious murderer, W. H. HICKMAN. It was the custom of the Mormons to keep a party of camp followers constantly in the rear of the troops, for the purpose of getting all the stock left behind as strays, &c. A file of soldiers were concealed in a ravine to capture one of these parties, and a single man sent out as a decoy. The Mormons readily took the bait, and were led in pursuit of the single soldier to the ambush, when the soldiers fired, killing one and taking the three prisoners before mentioned.

Col. JOHNSON was met on the Big Sandy, seventy miles from Ham's Fork, having under his charge and escort all of the Government provision trains, and also the trains of the different traders, and was averaging about ten miles per day, and expressed a determination to go into Salt Lake City this Winter.

Met Col. COOK with his regiment of cavalry at Greese Wood Creek, twelve miles this side of Independence rock—was destitute of corn for his horses; would reach the camp of Col. ALEXANDER in ten or twelve days.

Forty of MAGRAW'S men, belonging to the wagon-road expedition, had been mustered into service. Some of these complain loudly of MAGRAW'S inhumanity toward them, alleging that they had been abandoned on the plains 75 or 80 miles from assistance, without provisions.

It was thought that all the teamsters on the road would be mustered into service.

JESSE JOHNS was a prisoner in Salt Lake City, enjoying the freedom of the place, but restricted from going beyond its limits.

The Mormons say that they will fight to the death in defence of their city, if the troops attempt an entrance this Winter, and that in the Spring they will burn the city and go to the mountains, where they have provisions to last them for four or five years.

Mr. RANNARARDER came through alone a distance of 1,300 miles; passed through about one hundred miles of Indians, but was not molested; encountered much rain, sleet and snow on the other end of the route.

THE BROOKLYN THEATRES.

The Philharmonic Concerts in Brooklyn are a decided success, for this year at any rate. The second one, which was given on Saturday evening, was well attended and went off well. The Athenæum room is a pleasant concert-room, and well adapted in size to the reduced number of the orchestra, which numbers only forty, but of the best performers. The selection for Saturday evening embraced MENDELSSOHN'S Fourth Symphony, BEETHOVEN'S "Egmont" overture and the overture to "Der Freischütz," besides airs from "Traviata" and "Lombardi" sung by Mlle. CARROZZI. Moreover Mr. HOFFMAN played on the piano and Mr. BURKE on the violin, and what would the man be who would not say that all those would make a good concert? The symphony pleased us better than any other of MENDELSSOHN'S works, though perhaps the adjectives in the description of it given on the programmes, from the pen of Mr. MAX FRANKEL, may be rather too fulsome. We listened to it with great pleasure, especially the Andante, which was finely executed. The minuet movement was encored. Mr. HOFFMAN on an encore played a beautiful piece of his own, with double notes repeated continually. We hope to hear him play it again. Mr. HOFFMAN and Mr. BURKE played an Andante from BEETHOVEN'S Sonata for violin and piano, with which probably we ought to have been satisfied, but we would have liked to hear Mr. BURKE by himself. The singing did not seem to us to come up to the excellence of the rest of the concert. The overture to "Der Freischütz," with its beautiful horn music and its sweet-thoughted clarionets, closed the programme, and we have never heard it played more satisfactorily. And so the Brooklyn people separated, rejoicing that they had not to wrest the party, and elated with the consciousness of a Philharmonic Society of their own. The next concert is announced for Jan. 26. We see on the programme for that occasion BEETHOVEN'S Seventh Symphony, the overture to "William Tell" and an overture by KEIZE, never before performed in this country.

Later from Northern Mexico.

POLITICAL DISTURBANCE AT TAMPICO.

From the N. O. Picayune.

By the steamship *Atlantic*, from Brazos Santiago, we have three weeks' later intelligence from the Northern States of the neighboring Republic. All was quiet, except at Tampico, where a singular "treasonable attempt" was made on the 16th ult. The *Reveille* gives the following particulars:

General MEJORADA, together with several of the officers of the garrison and some of the city authorities at Tampico, were invited to attend a fête

[illegible] books of the past twenty-five years has given place to a purer and more legitimate style of artistic expression, which has wrought a radical change not only in the methods of artists, but in the public appreciation and popular taste.

The HARPERS have published Dr. LIVINGSTONE'S great work on Africa, in a handsomely illustrated volume of 730 pages. The title of the work is: *Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa, including a Sketch of Sixteen Years' Residence in the Interior of Africa.* But it is something more than the title promises, as will always be the case with every good book. Doctor LIVINGSTONE gives a brief but highly interesting and [illegible] account of his early history. His early boyhood was spent in a cotton factory in Glasgow, and he paid for his education out of his surplus earnings. It may encourage other boys who think their fate a hard one, because they are not born to wealth and indolence, to know that Dr. LIVINGSTONE says: "Looking back now on that life of toil, I cannot but feel thankful that it formed such a material part of my early education; and, were it possible, I would like to begin life over again in the same lovely style, and to pass through the same hardy training." The original intention of this excellent man was, in obtaining a diploma as an M. D., to embark for China as a missionary physician; but he was prevented from accomplishing this benevolent design by the breaking out of the opium war. He was induced to direct his thoughts to Africa, and after a course of theological studies to prepare him for a missionary in that dark land, he started for Cape Town in 1840, and arrived at that port in three months from setting sail from England. He immediately proceeded to the interior by way of Algoa, and remained in the very heart of Africa from 1840 to 1856. The result of his explorations, discoveries, and the observations he made on his journey from Loanda on the west coast across the dark continent, down the River Zamberi to the Eastern Ocean, we have in the volume before us. It is a larger amount of interesting and important information respecting Africa than any one individual has ever before contributed to the stock of human knowledge. Doctor LIVINGSTONE is not a book-maker, but his style is that of an easy writer, and his frank and unambitious narrative, crowded as it is with fresh and varied incidents, with facts that are as entertaining as they are novel, forms the most piquant and instructive reading that has been given to the world in many a day. Literary employment does not appear to be altogether congenial to our author, who says he found traveling much easier than writing. He says, "I think I would rather cross the African Continent again than undertake to write another book." We are sorry to hear it, for if literary labor is so distasteful to him he will not be likely to give us another volume. It is a remarkable thing for an African traveler, after sixteen years of exposure to the dangers and discomforts of lions, hippopotami, Caffres, droughts, hunger, flies, crocodiles, and all manner of venomous insects and reptiles, to prefer encountering them again to narrating, at his leisure, for the benefit of mankind, the wonders he has seen. He is, in more respects than one, a most remarkable traveler. Doctor LIVINGSTONE'S volume is a bulky one, but it has as little superfluous matter as was ever found in a traveler's book. The volume is well illustrated with wood-cuts and maps.

Laying down the richly stored and deeply interesting work of Doctor LIVINGSTONE, we took up by accident another book of travels in all respects its antithesis. Doctor LIVINGSTONE writes from the necessity he is under of communicating to the world the information he has gained after years of patient toil and self-denying privations. Our present writer wrote from a necessity, perhaps as pressing, but of a very different nature. He is boiling over with self conceit; he has nothing whatever to tell, but he is impatient to be heard. We are sorry to say he is a countryman of our own, and, like Gratiano, talks an infinite deal of nothing, but we cannot continue the parallel by saying he has but two grains of wheat in a bushel of chaff, for he has no grains of anything that we have been able to discern in all his chaffing. The book we have open before us is entitled *Young America in Wall-street*, by GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, and his publishers are DERBY & JACKSON, of New-York. *Young America in Wall-street* is suggestive of both Wall-street and Young America, but we find nothing of either in the volume with this title. It does not appear that Mr. TRAIN was ever in Wall-street. There is considerable trumpery about Banks, but there is no evidence that the author has any knowledge of their machinery or influences. The greater part of the book is composed of letters which appear to have been written from various parts of Europe, and addressed to the editor of a New-York daily paper. Whether they were ever published in its columns or not we do not know. The style of Mr. TRAIN is rhapsodical, flashy, and, as he calls it himself, sky-rocketty, though sky-rockets do soar very high and are very brilliant when they explode. In these respects we cannot discover any particular resemblance between Mr. TRAIN'S style and the objects he likens it to. He never soars, and his explosions are never brilliant. Oddly enough, Mr. TRAIN fancies he is an imitator of CARLYLE. We should never have suspected such a thing if he had not said it himself. "CARLYLE criticizes," says Mr. TRAIN, "he never creates. If CARLYLE takes such liberties, why should I be censured for following his example." Though Mr. TRAIN appears to fancy himself the very incarnation of the Young-American idea, we beg leave to assure him that he is as old-fashioned in his thoughts and manners as any antiquated old fogy. He imagines the world is going to ruin, that we are always just on the eve of a crisis, and that the whole machinery of civilization is liable to be smashed because affairs have not gone altogether prosperously with himself. There is nothing young in Mr. TRAIN'S book, not even his empty pretensions, and even all his jokes are old. The true type of Young America is the modest, self-confident and persevering man of business, the hard student, the patient investigator, the devotee of science. Doctor KANE, Colonel FREMONT, and men of a similar stamp, are the types of Young America—the young men who perform great actions, and not the sputterers in print. But Mr. TRAIN has at least one merit; there is nothing vicious about him but his style, and his book is not likely to do anybody the slightest harm.

Mr. JAMES PARTON, having written the biography of HORACE GREELEY, and given the world every possible fact connected with the history of that remarkable person, turns round to find a character in all respects his antagonist, upon whose life he may again employ his pen. He succeeds to a miracle by grasping at AARON BURR. It would not have been possible to hit upon a subject so directly the opposite of GREELEY as BURR; and, strange as it may appear, BURR was greatly in need of an honest and pains-taking biographer. No American has ever been more written about, and yet there has never been a satisfactory biography of AARON BURR. Abundance of excellent material existed for the formation of such a work, but the subject seems to have been a repulsive one to American authors. Mr. PARTON, happily, has taken it up in the spirit of a student first to make himself master of the subject, and then to present it to his reader entirely free from the distortions of prejudice or over-zeal. He is a cold-blooded dissector, but a zealous lover of facts. Which he aims at is to give a perfect view of the man whose history he has undertaken to write, and, if he has not perfectly succeeded, the fault lies in his too close adherence to fact. It is possible to have too near a view of the object to properly comprehend its character. Mr. PARTON has given us all that need be known about BURR to form a correct idea of the man, and after reading his biography we suspect that the popular idea of his character will not be materially changed. An historical character, once fixed, can never be changed. HORACE WALPOLE attempted to create doubts as to the correctness of the popular idea of RICHARD the Third, but without in the slightest degree destroying the character which SHAKESPEARE has created of the crooked-back tyrant, and PARTON, the Atticus, has satisfactorily demonstrated that bluff King Harry, the wife-killer, as COBBETT calls him, was a noble-minded prince, of a deeply religious nature, and one of the greatest monarchs that has worn the English Crown. But still the popular idea of bluff King Hal remains unchanged.

Mr. PARTON contents himself in giving, with faithful minuteness, all the facts of BURR'S history which his patient industry has enabled him to gather; he has arranged them in methodical order, and narrated them in a clear, concise, and sometimes eloquent, style; but he confesses, at the close, his inability to analyze them so as to give a portrait of the man. We have his exact dimensions, the color of his complexion, the fashion of his dress, the peculiarities of his gait, the manner in which he talked, the style in which he wrote, how he made love, how he treated his friends and dealt with his enemies, where he traveled, with whom he associated, the deeds he performed and the aims he attempted to effect, and how he filled them, how he lived and how he died,—and by the help of these elements every one must form his own image of that strange, mysterious being, AARON BURR. He will be better known by the aid of Mr. PARTON'S biography, but hardly better understood. He will still be a mystery and a puzzle. JEFFERSON, who must have known him thoroughly, says "he was a great man in little things, while he was really small in great ones." There must have been a good deal of truth in this sarcastic judgment, for a man could not have played so important a part in the formation of our Government as BURR did, and have left so little of himself to posterity, if he had been anything more than a mere ceremonial. His daughter thought him the greatest man that had ever lived, and looked up to him with superstitious reverence and affection. He inspired women, but not men, with that feeling. It was his greatness in little things which they could appreciate, while his littleness in great things they could not discern. JEFFERSON must have been right.

But the character of the man is something apart from the merits of his biography. We can do no more in this brief allusion to the book than to express our conviction that Mr. PARTON has performed a most important and acceptable labor in furnishing the public with this comprehensive yet compact history of one of the most noted men our country has produced. The work is entitled *Life and Times of Aaron Burr*, and published by MASON BROS.

TRAVEL IN EGYPT.

Ruins and Scenery of Far Syene—Adventure with a Lady.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CAIRO, EGYPT, March.

I do not think there can be found anywhere on the surface of this earth a spot full of more strange and startling interest than Assouan. The great river which has been vexed and troubled in the pass among the hills, and has foamed and fretted around the thousand rocks that lie in its course, rushes out under precipitous banks and flows by the beautiful island of Elephantine and the ruins of Old Syene, and then on by "castle and crag" into the great, broad valley of the land of Egypt. Here was the limit of the ancient world, to which the minds of men turned as ours now turn to the icy barriers of the North and South. Here they builded palaces and fortresses, to keep back the incursions of the barbarians of the unknown Southern deserts. In ancient times the place was therefore one of great interest, and it is so now, because of the remains of ancient grandeur that lie on the bank of the unchanging Nile. Near to the village are the quarries from which were cut the obelisks, and the granite masses that were hewn into statues of men and lions, and the columns that now adorn the temples of Rome and Stamboul, and that lie thickly strewn among the ruins of all old cities on the shore of the Mediterranean. In fact, there is no city of eminence in the route of the Eastern traveler, nor any ruin of ancient glory, in which he does not pause in wonder and awe before some stupendous stone, cut from the quarries of Far Syene. Rome is full of them, and every piazza in the Eternal City is ornamented with them, while the lofty arches of St. Peter's rest here and there on columns of Egyptian granite from these same hills.

In one of the quarries lies an obelisk hewn out but never removed. Perhaps the King who ordered it died before it was erected, and it was left as a monument of his intentions. It suffices to show how such things were done, and travelers for three thousand years have looked on it lying in massive grandeur, the relic of an age of giant men or giant intellects.

Few points can be found in which the works of different ages are lying in such proximity, and here the proximity is the sad union of common ruin. Yet high, strong and firm over all, here as elsewhere, the works of the old Egyptians laugh to scorn the works of Greeks and Romans, and look up to the sun and stars from among the wrecks of later and degenerate years. Nor is it alone of very ancient days that the ruins are here. For all time Syene has been an outpost of the world, and the followers of MAHOMMED esteemed it such no less than the Romans.

And here they lie by myriads. For miles around the miserable village on the sandy plain are the monuments of the dead servants of the prophet. It is the largest and most desolate burial-place in the world. The stones are carved with inscriptions in every style of Arab and Cufic characters, relating the virtues of the dead and the grief of the living, who are themselves long since dead and buried in the same sand. The desert appears to have rested quiet around this vast cemetery, and the rolling sands have not covered the graves.

I reached the outskirts of the cemetery as the sun was going down. Weary with my walk from Philæ, I threw myself down once more on the sand by the side of an Arab grave, and read, or thought I read, the story of a young man who died and was buried in the year of the Hegira, 1063, and whose dust was still below. Again, as often before, I fell into a dream whereof the characters were the successive races of men that had swept over this plain. From this dream I was aroused on this wise:

I have said that I was lying on the sand by a grave. Doubtless my dress was somewhat Arabic, and my appearance was not a little so, as I lay there, with my gun by my side, on the sand, and a pistol in my hand, with which I had been practicing shots at the huge vultures which were flying about me. My Arab boy, with praiseworthy nonchalance, had curled himself into a black ball under the lee of another gravestone, where he dreamed sleeping while I dreamed waking. A soft light stealing over the hills and into the valley where I lay, lent an additional solemnity to the scene in the valley, which was always sufficiently sombre. At this moment a lady and gentleman came out o the gate of the city or village, and riding over the sand hills immediately toward me, approached with the intention of passing on toward the desert. That they were travelers was of course manifest, and I judged rightly in supposing that they were Europeans who had come up to Assouan in their boat, and were taking an evening ride out of the village. The lady rode on horseback—a donkey is more usually the selection of a lady in Egypt, both for comfort and safety. The Arab horses are suppressed thunderbolts, ready to burst away at a moment's notice. They were coming along at an easy pace when I raised my head. Whether it was my peculiar face, or my pistols, or my general appearance, I know not, but they thought themselves in the hands of the Phillistines, and wheeling their horses, were off in an instant. The lady had never been on such an animal before. At the third leap he was at full speed, and she frightened out of her wits. Drawing her rein tight, a motion that an Arab horse can never stand, she threw him on his haunches, all in a heap, and then obeying the usual order of a seaman who wants a sail to come down by the run, she "let go all," and came down on the sand as gently as if she intended it.

I don't know what were her ideas, or what her notions of Arab esprit she had at the moment. The gentleman was riding as like a whirlwind. He had let go his reins and was holding on by the high pommel of his Turkish saddle with both hands, while the horse was going like lightning. I understood his difficulties. My own first attempts at Arab horses had been much like his. But I, of course, hastened to the rescue of the lady, who lay in the ground awaiting her fate. Long before I reached her her dress assured me that she was neither English nor American, and I made up my mind to try the effect of a little Arabic. Very little indeed, for I knew mighty little, but enough to be able to talk Arabic and nothing else mingled. So I advanced politely and addressed her in guttural. But my politeness was thrown away. How can a man be polite with an Arab shirt and tarbouche, red pointed shoes, and an uncombed beard of a year's growth? She sat on the ground and looked at me and at the fast receding form of her protector, surrounded by clouds of dust. Her face was not bad—on the whole it was pretty. She was somewhere over twenty years old, but no man can venture to guess within twenty years of the age of a well-dressed European lady. She told me afterward that she never dreamed of my being anything but one of the natives. They are of all colors here—white, black, red and mixed. She addressed me in German. It was as unintelligible to me as my Arabic to her. It was not a little amusing to see her look of terror as she talked the northern guttural in a trembling voice in reply to my southern. I was disposed to continue the deceit, but it was too painful, and yet I did not like to lose my new character so instantly, and I soothed her by sending my boy for her horse, and pointing to it by signs, directing her to mount. I was unwilling to risk a word of any other language lest she should find me out. So as she gathered courage I helped her to mount, and by the time she was in her saddle she was fully reassured, and at this moment her attendant, who proved to be her husband, returned. He had not regained command over his horse till he reached the gate of Assouan. He rode up boldly enough, for he was no coward, and he had turned to run only as a prudent resort when in company with a lady. Finding her safe, and that I was inoffensive, he fell into her error, and they rode along slowly back to the city while I walked by their side. But they were undeceived on the way, for some dragoons having heard that I was walking down, informed the Governor who had come down to the boat to pay his respects to the firman of the Viceroy, which we had shaken at him on our way up. The Pacha immediately sent for his mounts, and when within a half-mile of the gate, I met a troop of a half-dozen mounted men and two led horses, which were sent out for my use. My European friends looked with some astonishment at this display, and glanced at me and at my shabby dress, and then at the cavalcade, with no small wonderment. But, when one of the attendants addressed me in English, their astonishment knew no bounds.

"What—do you speak English," said the lady herself, using French, with an excellent accent.

"A little," said I, "seeing that it is my father tongue."

"You are English?"

I laughed outright. "No."

And mounting a horse, I fell in by her side, and it took a half mile of guessing before she thought of America, and asked me if I were a Yankee.

The bank of the river at Assouan presented a gay appearance. I have forgotten the number, but something like a dozen travelers' boats lay there, loaded with flags, and the shore was covered with groups of Europeans and Americans, surrounded by naked Nubians and picturesquely-dressed Arabs.

We passed the evening in exchanging calls, and a more brilliant appearance that shore never presented. At 9 o'clock we illuminated our boat as we had done several times before. Every spar and rope was hung with colored lights, and we had an exhibition of fireworks, followed by a grand salute of artillery. That is to say, we fired all the guns and pistols we had on board, and the other boats took it up, and for an hour there was an incessant rattle of fire-arms that rang across the river, and among the ruins of Elephantine, and far up the rocky chasm, out of which the lordly river issued. And then all was still, and silence resumed its sway over the fallen columns, and crumbled arches of what was once the most glorious city of Africa, and the owl sat undisturbed on the grand gateway of the great ALEXANDER.

Next morning the wind was blowing freshly, and I could not resist the temptation of again visiting the island of Elephantina, as well to see its ruins as to see the graceful Nubian girl that we had found there on our way up the river.

I believe that every traveler on the Nile who has written of his travels has seen a similar specimen of beauty on this island, or else at Philæ, and I had always supposed it to be a traveler's story. But we had verified it on our upward trip, and although we had but an hour in the early morning we determined to try for a sight of her again, and so pulled across the river.

She was there as before, waiting for us, with her small array of antiques and Nubian baskets, and as before she was timid, and would not allow either lady or gentleman to approach her. She sold her trinkets through the other girls, and she would bound away literally like a startled deer when we advanced a step towards her. Her eyes were bright and flashing, her form perfect grace, her foot and ankle inimitable. See wore the Nubian dress of the unmarried girls—nothing but the strip of leather around her waist, with its short fringe; otherwise she was naked, but her skin was black as ebony, and polished so that it shone like marble. I forget who it is that has remarked on the difference between a naked savage and a naked person in civilized life. Certainly she seemed statue-like, and we felt no more shame in looking at her than one does in Rome in wandering through crowds of marble women, with less drapery than she had. But six months among people who go half or quite naked, changes our ideas of such things not a little.

We remained a short time on the island, saw the Gateway of Alexander for the last time, and returned to Assouan, and sailed on our downward voyage, exchanging salutes with every boat as we passed them.

The will of the late George W. Custis directs that all his slaves, some 200 or 300, shall be set free within the next five years, leaving it to his executors to provide the necessary funds from his estate to remove them from the Commonwealth.

Notes on the Progress of Science.

IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGES.—An improvement is chronicled relative to cartridges for firearms, whose form is nothing further than a number of circular grooves. It consists in the arrangement, side by side, with their axis of the same circle, of several balls of cylindro-conical or other partly cylindrical form, of a size to fit the grooves of the bore, the number of balls being equal to the number of grooves, so that every groove may receive a separate ball. The balls are also separated by a partition piece of paper or other material for the purpose of preventing their union by fusion when the charge explodes, which, without the partition piece, would sometimes occur when steel balls were used. When a ball cartridge, constructed in this manner, is fired from a gun of straight bore, it is found that the balls will scatter very slightly—that is, they will be confined within a circle of about two feet six inches in diameter when projected to the distance of three hundred paces, thus being very destructive. By giving the grooves a twist the balls will scatter less.

BURNING FLUID.—Many persons suppose that camphene is an explosive burning fluid, but this is a mistake. Camphene is simply rectified spirits of turpentine. Its vapor, mixed with a certain portion of air, is no doubt, explosive, but not the burning fluid. The common burning fluids, known by the name of photogene, &c., which burn with a clear flame, emit but little smoke, and are so cleanly to use in lamps, are composed of alcohol and camphene. Were it not that this hydro-carbon [illegible] so liable to explode [illegible] dangerous though it is, and notwithstanding the great number of accidents which have taken place from its use, it goes on superseding all kinds of oils with astonishing rapidity.

USE OF COAL ON RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES.—For burning either anthracite or bituminous coal in locomotives on railways, WIRAN'S boiler is now considerably used. The furnace is long and narrow, the grate being seven feet long by three and a half feet wide, the roof of the fire-box sloping backward and downward, so that most of the sloping crown sheet is fastened by stay-bolts to the outer shell of the fire-box. The grates are very heavy, there being but twelve bars in a width of forty-two inches; these are cast two together, each pair being movable by means of a bar placed at pleasure through an eye in a shank of the grate projecting out from beneath the bottom of the fire-box—each pair of grates thus receiving, in turn, a rocking or jolting movement. There is a coarse grating under the door and immediately at the back of the fire, for the purpose of admitting air. The furnace being so long, an opening with a sliding door is made in the sloping roof or crown. Through this a quantity of coal may be fed at a time, being dumped on the grate midway between the tender-door and the tube-sheet. The barrel of the boiler is 46 inches in diameter, and contains 199 fire-tubes, 2¼ inches in diameter, and 13 feet 7 inches long. The chimney has no obstruction other than a grating of bars 3-16ths inch wide, and 3-16ths apart, placed across the top. The exhaust pipe has the variable nozzle, and a steam-jet or blower is also provided. The boiler evaporates from 5½ to 6 pounds of water per pound of coal burned.

COAL AND WOOD AS FUEL.—Wood generates heat more rapidly than coal; but a pound of the latter—anthracite—will evaporate three times more water than a pound of wood. As a compact fuel, coal, therefore, is the best for use in generating steam, because plenty of it can be stowed in a boiler, can easily be ignited by a blower or a tall chimney. As wood contains a great quantity of oxygen, and anthracite coal none, less air is taken from an apartment when wood is used for fuel than when anthracite coal is used. This is the reason why the atmosphere of apartments heated with wood fuel produces, so it were, a more genial influence, and why such fuel is also more healthful for heating; also, why it requires less cold air from the outside to supply the fire.

CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GOLD.—It is found by experiment that gold is not easily acted on by acidulous agents, still there are two definite oxyds of it. When gold is fed into a vessel containing aqua regia—nitro-muriatic acid—which contains free chlorine in the nascent state, it is dissolved, and a perchloride of gold formed, which is a red, deliquescent, crystalline compound, soluble in water, ether, and alcohol, and is decomposed by light and heat. When proto-chloride of tin is added to a solution of perchloride of gold, a fine purple precipitate is formed, which is used in porcelain painting, and for tinging glass a red color. Gold dissolved in nitro-muriatic acid can be precipitated by adding to it a solution of the proto-sulphate of iron; the gold subsides to the bottom of the vessel containing the solution, and forms a brown powder, which, after being washed in hot water, then digested in hot dilute muriatic acid, is again washed, and forms the pure gold employed in gilding china or porcelain ware. Silver and copper are harder than gold; hence, mixed with these metals, it produces an alloy harder than itself. The gold employed in jewelry is much adulterated—the skillful jeweler easily giving different shades of color to golden ornaments by exposing them to different chemical agents, which dissolve a portion of the copper and silver alloy, while they do not touch the gold. A solution of gold in ether applied to the surface of fine polished steel instruments gilds them—the ether being driven off with heat.

CALORIC PRODUCED BY MOTION.—M. FOUCAULT, of Paris, has constructed an apparatus to demonstrate that motion produces caloric. A thick bar of iron, bent into a horse-shoe form, is converted into an electro-magnet; between its two extremities is supported a disk of copper, to which a rapid rotary motion—three hundred or four hundred revolutions a second—is communicated by the intervention of toothed gearing. So long as the horse-shoe is not electro-magnetised, the disk turns with ease; but so soon as the horse-shoe is placed in communication with a battery, and thereby converted into an electro-magnet, a great resistance to the further revolution of the disk is made manifest. If, notwithstanding this resistance, the disk is turned during a minute or so, and a thermometer be placed upon the disk, the mercury will ascend to sixty or eighty degrees centigrade, although the toothed gearing, axles, &c., remain at the ordinary temperature.

PRESERVATION OF WOOD BY CHEMICALS.—The greatest efforts of men of science and inventors have been directed to the preservation of wood by chemical processes. To change the nature of its albumen, various antiseptic substances have been employed. The process called kyanising consists in treating timber with corrosive sublimate. In solution it combines with the sap of the wood, and forms an insoluble compound, not susceptible of fermentation and spontaneous combustion. The wood, sawed in blocks or planks, is soaked for seven or eight hours in tanks containing a solution made up of one pound of corrosive sublimate to every five gallons of water; the impregnation can be effected in open tanks by sinking the wood, or in close tanks, where the air can be extracted by an air-pump, and the solution allowed to flow in. Another good substance for preserving wood by combining with its albumen and forming an insoluble compound, is the sulphate of copper—blue vitriol; it is applied in solution about the same strength and in the same manner. The sulphate of zinc—white copperas—[illegible]

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"The Dignity of the Bench Sustained" in a Letter from Judge Fine.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

SIR: The article in the TIMES of yesterday, under the caption of "A Daniel Come to Judgment," has not escaped my attention. I beg the insertion of this communication in your journal, in a place equally conspicuous. I make this request because you state therein that the "public wanted to know" something of my "course" in bringing, as you allege, the "Judiciary office into ridicule and disrepute;" and for the additional reason that I consider myself entitled to no small share of your space, as a sort of compensation for the very thorough beating with which you have treated me so publicly. Your article is extremely personal; more unmerciful and less philosophical than I might consider it offensively so, and demand there retraction, apology, and retaliation. I shall not fly into a passion that I have been severely handled, abused, by the Editor of a daily paper. It would detract from the dignity of the Bench, and I should feel that I had soiled the ermine with which the partiality of the people have clothed me. Besides this, I have seen enough of modern journalism, as it is represented by some daily presses, to know, that an Editor's sanctum is but little more than a magazine of ridicule, personal vituperation, and denunciatory epithets, which is constantly fished and kept constantly exploding by some new turn or shifting of mere personal dislike or hatred. Had you not "gone off" in the direction of "Judge FINE" as "A Daniel Come to Judgment" [illegible] I might complain there is certainly this to congratulate myself upon, namely, that I have escaped from annihilation some party more venomous and, perhaps, more deserving than myself.

With regard to the "public" which has appointed the TIMES, it seems from your article, its mouthpiece to whistle its wants into the world's ear, it really gives me much pleasure to let it (the "public") know my course regarding "my bringing the Judiciary office into ridicule and disrepute," as you allege. The story is brief. It lacks both tragic incident and romance.

My predecessor in office, Mr. Justice OAKLEY, departed this life last Summer. His death occasioned a vacancy which might have been filled by appointment by the Governor, until an election could have taken place at the last general election in November. The law requires that the vacancy for the unexpired term, when that occurs, shall be filled at the next succeeding general election. Mr. Justice OAKLEY'S term of office will expire on the 1st January next. The people, knowing that the unexpired term *must* be filled by an election in November last, saw fit to put my name in nomination, and the result was, that I received a greater number of votes than any other candidate in the field, and, of course, was duly elected. Immediately on the result being declared I took the oath of office, and at once entered on the discharge of my duties. There is certainly nothing anomalous in this. Every Judge under the elective system goes through the same ordeal before the people, and the same formalis of qualification.

You venture to express doubts in behalf of the public, whether my "course was one which became a gentleman." Prior to the declaration of my election, I did not hear that question raised. And I assure you I would not, willingly, have assumed the robes of office, had I supposed it would cast an imputation on my hitherto fair name. I have yet to learn that there is, in fact, anything in the position of Judge of the Superior Court which, of itself, should lead the community to question the occupant's gentlemanly attributes. Besides this, Mr. Editor, I must have interpreted the doctrine of *estoppel*. You have no right to go *behind* the ballot-box and inquire into the workings of the machinery by which men are brought into nomination. You have been high in office yourself, and, doubtless, know how investigations of this kind would hurt. Before election it is permissible to question the fairness of a nomination; but never *after*. Success at the polls, and the absence of fault-finding before the vote is taken, raise a presumption absolutely conclusive that the nominating machinery was fairly worked. I may, however, be permitted to say that my nomination by the people was a spontaneous, independent movement, and that, in securing it, I took no part. It was not, certainly, my fault that I was not elected by a larger plurality. It would have been, personally, highly gratifying to me could I have secured a majority over all other candidates.

In conclusion, I must be allowed to express my disapprobation of the spirit and general tone of your article. There is no use, Mr. Editor, of attempting to gloss over the real grounds of your objections to my acting as a public officer. This hue and cry about the "salary," flowing as it does from the widow's cake, is a false issue, [illegible] other, raised by the allegation of my having perpetrated a fraud on the public. The charge of incompetency may be sustained or it may not. You have no evidence upon which to pronounce this branch of the case. The intimation that my rights should be exercised or not, as may suit the wishes of "several high, respectable gentlemen" is sheer nonsense, and you know it as well as I. The simple questions are

First—Was I legally elected Judge?

Second—If so, what are my rights, what my duties, and what the duty of others.

As to the first proposition, no person is at all familiar with my life has a doubt.

As to the second proposition, I understand

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II. State of Public Sentiment in Kansas.

From the Boston Post.

MAJOR ADAMS, of Leavenworth, is here, and expresses his conviction that the people of Kansas will make an overwhelming demonstration against the Lecompton Convention upon them. Many who have hitherto sustained policy with Territorial opposition to that instrument, Kansas has chosen delegate, is well qualified, personally and from his antecedents, to support the views of free Kansas. He is about 30 years of age, of medium size, with a heavy dark beard and bright black eyes. He is a native of Camden, S. C., was raised in Ohio, where he served with some distinction in the Legislature, and help elect Pres to the Senate. He has been in Kansas since fall, and, though preferring to stick to his profession of the law instead of seeking political notoriety, he took a prominent Free-Soil stand in the meetings of his neighborhood. His course so commended him to the Free-State party that they selected him as the candidate who would bring out the fullest vote of the party. The result, and the extent to which he is held here, are the best evidence of the wisdom of their choice.

DENVER, Secretary STANTON'S successor, was dispatched to Kansas some time since, to await contingencies. He was a member of Congress last session from California, and since then has been an Indian Agent. He occurred notoriety in California by a duel, in which he killed Gwinne, the editor of the *Alta California*. It was thought that his conduct was heartless and blood-thirsty in that affair by the people of California.

Mass Meeting of the Opponents of the Constitution at Topeka.

From the Topeka Tribune.

On Monday evening, the 23d inst., a mass meeting was held in Topeka to consider the present position, and new features in the politics of Kansas, especially the momentous crisis obviously approaching, and the emergencies which now demand our most serious and deliberate attention. The utmost good feeling and harmony prevailed, and the unfurling of the old banner, round which the people have rallied on many former occasions, created a degree of enthusiasm seldom, if ever, before exhibited in our city. And a concord and unanimity was manifested, which argues for the future and without which the best causes fail of success.

C. K. HOLLIDAY was elected President, WALTER OAKLEY, JOHN RITCHIE, and Dr. S. K. MARTIN Vice-Presidents; and S. N. FRASER and GILPEROY DUDLEY, Secretaries.

A Committee on Resolutions was chosen, consisting of the following named persons, to wit:

H. J. Jones, W. Oakley, Dr. G. A. Cutler, J. F. Hill, J. W. Farnsworth, S. W. Walker, J. C. Miller, L. Farnsworth, and W. W. Ross.

The Committee made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Believing with our revolutionary fathers that a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires a statement of the causes for our political action, we adopt the language of the immortal signers of the declaration of independence, and assert that we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created free and equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government seems subversive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its power in such form, as shall seem to them most likely to effect their safety and happiness. When a long series of abuses and usurpations pursued invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce the people under an absolute despotism, it is their right and their duty to throw off such government, and provide new guarantees for their future security.

The history of the present Government in Kansas is of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of a complete tyranny over us—to prove this, we submit the following facts:

It has refused its assent to a Constitution emanating from the people, under which laws wholesome and necessary for the public good were enacted.

It has forbidden our Legislature to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, and has refused to cause other laws to be passed for the accommodation of large districts of our people, and likewise demanded that the people of these districts should relinquish their right of representation in the Territorial Legislature, "a right inestimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only."

It has dissolved a Legislature of the people for opposing with manly firmness, invasions of their rights.

It has appointed and sustained among us profligate, corrupt and partisan judges who neither administer justice nor promote the public weal.

It has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of the people.

It has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our wishes and Constitution as well as the Constitution of the United States, giving its assent to their acts of pretended legislation.

It has imposed taxes on us without our consent, and has deprived us of a fair and impartial trial by jury.

It has altered fundamentally the form of government instituted by our fathers—falsely interpreted their statutes and inforced upon us a tyranny in contradiction of the "Nebraska bill."

It has suspended our own Legislature, and declared a spurious and foreign body invested with full power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

It has conspired with and aided robbers, assassins and murderers to ravage our farms, burn our towns and destroy the lives of our citizens.

It is at this time sustaining among us an army of hired mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of civilized nations.

It has protected and aided a band of ruffians and outlaws not elected by the people to any office, in the work of forming a Constitution for the State of Kansas, and taking the initiatory steps in the formation of a State Government, in its action supplanting the Territorial Legislature elected by the people in October, at the expense of every personal feeling for the public good, relying, as they did, upon the oft-repeated promises of a fair election, and the privilege of voting upon said Constitution, which privilege is now denied and no remedy allowed.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in most humble terms; our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A power whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant is unfit to exercise rule over a free people.

We have not been wanting in loyalty to the National Government—we have warned it from time to time of the attempts of its so-called Legislature to exercise an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us, and we have submitted to its dictates from time to time, at the expense of every political and personal feeling; we have reminded it of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here; we have appealed to its native justice and magnanimity, and have conjured it by the common ties of our kindred to disavow the usurpations which would materially interrupt our friendly connections and correspondence; but it has been alike deaf to justice and consanguinity; we must therefore acquiesce in the necessity which calls for the institution of our State Government.

1. *Resolved*, By the citizens of Topeka, in mass Convention assembled, that our delegates be requested to urge the Delegate Convention, at Lawrence, on the 2d of December, to set forth the facts contained in the above, as the basis of their action, and appealing to God and a discriminating world for the rectitude of their conduct, to firmly resolve upon the institution of our State Government under the free Constitution.

2. *Resolved*, That the minions of the Slave power, in their pretended submission of the Lecompton Constitution—by submitting to the vote of the people but one article, and that article entirely superfluous, leaving the instrument as purely Pro-Slavery as the Constitutions of Texas and Georgia, and beyond the reach of the people, publish to the world for the thousandth time, that they are cowards, tyrants and traitors to the liberties of the people, and Constitution of our country. As such we brand them, and declare that they have forfeited the respect of every honest man and the protection of society.

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request Governor ROBINSON to call a special meeting of the State Legislature at the earliest practicable moment, and recommend the enactment of such laws as will promote the public good.

Dr. CUTLER introduced the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of a local Vigilance Committee of ——— members, and we pledge ourselves to respond to the calls, and sustain the action of that Committee, whatever it may be.

C. K. HOLLIDAY, WALTER OAKLEY and JOHN RITCHIE were elected delegates to the Convention to be held at Lawrence on the 2d of December; and H. L. JONES, Dr. CUTLER, J. F. HILL, L. G. CLEVELAND and W. W. ROSS, alternatives.

On motion, voted that the Mass Convention at Leavenworth should be largely attended by our citizens.

Voted that the resolutions passed at Lawrence, at a meeting held on the 19th inst., be ratified by this Convention.

All Kansas newspapers are requested to publish the proceedings of this Convention.

C. K. HOLLIDAY, President.

S. N. FRASER, GILPEROY DUDLEY, } Secretaries.

Sensible Views of a Missouri Pro-Slavery Journal.

From the Independence (Mo.) Messenger.

We have not seen the Constitution which has been framed for the people of Kansas, and it may be unobjectionable, but if the Convention has a right to force a good Constitution on the people they have the same right to force a bad one on them.

Another matter connected with the doings of this Convention is the manner in which the vote is to be taken on the only question submitted to the people—the slavery clause. There is no qualification for voters on that question, only the fact of being in the [illegible]

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[illegible] Kansas Territory, on said Convention, [illegible] the people shall contain a clause authorizing the introduction of Slavery into the State of Kansas, [illegible] further, to appoint three Commissioners in each county of the Territory, whose duty it shall be to appoint three Judges of Election in each county, election district, or such other district as may by said Convention be made, to receive the votes of the people upon the question. Now, therefore, be it known to the people of Kansas Territory, that on the said first day of January, 1858, there will be opened in the several election districts of said Territory, at which the actual bona fide white male inhabitants resident in said Territory on said day, shall vote for or against the further introduction of Slavery into said State of Kansas in the manner following, as required by the Convention:

"The voters of said territory, and those voting for Kansas as a Slave State shall vote a ballot with the words, "Constitution with Slavery," and those voting for Kansas as a Free State shall vote a ballot with the words, "Constitution with no Slavery."

"The judges of election, and, by virtue of the authority aforesaid, required to open polls in these several precincts and appoint two clerks to keep a proper record of the votes polled, and within 5 days after said election, make a return thereof to one of the Commissioners herein appointed, whose duty it shall be, within eight days from the closing of said polls, to deliver to me at Lecompton, the seat of government of said Territory, a true statement of the votes cast at said election, and to retain a copy thereof for inspection in each of said precincts.

"The Commissioners appointed in and for each county of the Territory are requested to appoint judges of election for each precinct now by law established in their respective counties, and for such additional precincts as, in their judgment they may deem advisable, and for a full, fair, and honest exercise of the popular will.

"The Commissioners appointed by the authority aforesaid, in the several counties of the Territory, are as follows:

"In the County of Doniphan—S. P. Blair, C. B. Whiteman, and E. C. Driscoll.

"For the County of Atchison—V. T. Hereford, Eli C. Mason, James Adkins.

"For Leavenworth County—Oliver Delfendorf, Robert Thompson, Marion Tadd.

"For Johnson County—T. H. Danforth, A. J. Campbell, James Evans.

"For the County of Lykins—Henry M. Peck, James Beets, E. D. Williams.

"For the County of Bourbon—Thos. B. Arnett, Sam'l H. Williams, John H. Little.

"For the County of McGee—W. A. Frazier, T. C. Head, William Hinton.

"For the County of Dorn—James M. Linn, John Kerkens, W. J. Godfrey.

"For the County of Linn—Briscoe Davis, Willis M. Sutton, C. L. Pleasant.

"For the counties of Shawnee and Richardson—Edmund Yates, John Martin, James Gordon.

"For the County of Davis—C. L. Lanford, Fox Booth, Robert Reynolds.

"For the County of Douglas—John Spicer, Wm. F. Wells, Parsh Ellison.

"For the counties of Breckinridge and Wise—A. J. Baker, Wm. Grimsley, H. W. Fisk.

"For the County of Anderson—Samuel Anderson, James H. Hower, Ephraim Coy.

"For the County of Franklin—Joseph Merritt, Jesse B. Way, Jacob Marcelle.

"For the County of Coffee—Hiram Hoover, John Woolman, Hardee McMahon.

"For the Counties of Madison, Butler, and Hunter—G. D. Humphries, C. Bunch, L. G. Brown.

"For the Counties of Allen and Greenwood—B. W. Cowden, T. H. Bashaw, J. Johnson.

"For the County of Riley—George Montague, S. B. White, S. C. Rankin.

"For the County of Pottawattamie—A. J. Chapman, G. W. Gillespie, Robert Wilson.

"For the County of Calhoun—Samuel Boyd, Sen., John Chelsey, Henry D. Galen.

"For the County of Jefferson—H. A. Lowe, James Hadden, George M. Dyer.

"For the Counties of Marshall, Washington and Arapahoe—F. J. Marshall, Peter Valentine, J. P. Miller.

"For the County of Nemaha—Cyrus Dolman, David M. Lechtman, A. Brown.

"For the County of Brown—H. Smith, J. Whitehead, Samuel Brown.

"The Commissioners aforesaid are requested to meet in their respective Counties at as early a day as practicable, and arrange the Precincts, appoint the Judges of Election, and give notice of the time and place of holding such election. J. CALHOUN,

President of the Constitutional Convention.

LECOMPTON, Nov. 21, 1857.

PROCLAMATION OF THE CHIEF ELECTOR.

It is required by the Constitution recently adopted by the delegates to a Constitutional Convention assembled in Lecompton on the 5th day of September, 1857, that an election for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, State Treasurer, members of the Legislature, and one member to Congress, shall be chosen by the qualified voters under said Constitution on the first Monday in January, 1858, and the people of Kansas Territory in said Convention represented, having imposed me the duty of giving public notice, by proclamation, that such election would then take place, and that returns thereof should be made to me by the judges of said election:

Now, therefore, be it known to the people of Kansas Territory, that on the first Monday of January, 1858, polls will be opened in the several election precincts of said Territory, at which the qualified voters under said Constitution shall elect a Governor, a Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, State Treasurer, members of the Legislature, and one member of Congress. Said election shall be conducted in the same manner, and by the same judges appointed to conduct the election on the Constitution, on the 21st day of December, 1857, and returns thereof made to me at Lecompton, the seat of government of the Territory, within eight days of the day of said election.

It is provided in said Constitution as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICTS.

At the first election, holden under the Constitution, for members of the State Legislature, the representative and senatorial districts shall be as follows:

(Here follows a list of the districts.)

The qualified voters will, therefore, in their respective districts, elect members of the Legislature under the above apportionment. J. CALHOUN,

President of the Constitutional Convention.

LECOMPTON, Nov. 21, 1857.

The Reported Call for an Extra Session.

From the St. Louis Democrat, Dec. 9.

A gentleman who left Wyandott, Kansas Territory, on the 4th inst., reached this city, yesterday morning, and says that just before starting for the East he saw a Lawrence paper of the 3d inst., which contained a proclamation from the acting Territorial Governor, STANTON, calling for a meeting of the recently elected Territorial Legislature, to be held at Lecompton on the 7th. This movement is, no doubt, made to anticipate the proceedings of the self-constituted provisional Governor, CALHOUN. A letter from a merchant at Leavenworth states, that should there be any interference with the meeting of the Free-State Legislature it will be the forerunner of hot work in Kansas. If the information given above should prove correct, it looks as if a collision between the United States authority and the bravos of CALHOUN might take place.

The Kansas Settlers' Claim on Congress—Servants in Demand.

LEAVENWORTH CITY, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1857.

General J. H. J. STRICKLER, the Commissioner appointed by our President under the act of Congress passed last February, to audit and allow the claims of those citizens of the Territory who sustained losses during the difficulties, has just closed his sessions, and states that the amount of claims proved and allowed by him is between $375,000 and $400,000. This sum is for property actually lost or destroyed. If he had allowed for other damages, such as expenses for removing, suspension of business, &c., there would have been at least $100,000 more added to the amount actually audited. This will form another very interesting subject for Congress to consider during their present session.

As I have before stated, if some of the very many poor and destitute of your city could be sent to this place and along the Missouri River, they could be supplied with places at good wages. There are in this city over one hundred families that now are in want of servant maids, and if they could be sent to us they would be earning a very good support for themselves.

OTHER QUESTIONS THAN THAT OF SLAVERY.

It is entirely untrue that the people of Kansas make no objection to the Lecompton Constitution, except in its bearings upon the Slavery question. The Quindaro *Chindowan* says:

"1. The State Capital is located at Lecompton, and can only be changed by the concurrence of two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature; or, in other words, so long as one-third of either branch can be *induced* to resist its removal, the most villainous hold in Kansas is where the laws must be made.

2. There is a long-winded circumlocution about the taxation and changing of County seats, to do which there must be a provisional law, and then a vote of the people.

3. The first State Legislature is authorized to contract a debt of $500,000, partly, as it was argued in the Convention, for the special purpose of defraying the expenses of the Border Ruffian war.

4. There is in the Constitution a provision for a bank, whose capital shall be $2,000,000. The Convention indulged in a freak of special legislation upon this point, which we suppose to be unprecedented in such bodies. It repealed the bank chartered by the Territorial Legislature, provided for this new bank, and located two branches north and two south of the Kaw River.

These are enough points for one week's consideration. We wonder if the people would not like to express an opinion upon one or all of them. We wonder if the nation last Fall did not understand that [illegible]

[illegible] Kansas Territory are requested to meet in Lawrence, at the rooms of the Territorial Executive Committee, on Wednesday next, the 2d day of December, to remain during the session of the Delegate Convention. Let every member be present, if in his power, as his attendance is important. By order of the Committee.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. PERRY's mill, opposite Weston, Mo., was blown up on the 20th inst., and six men badly scalded, two of whom, one of them Mr. E. Pease, were killed immediately, and three others have since died. The mill is entirely destroyed and the boiler blown to atoms.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—MONDAY, Dec. 14.

SUPREME COURT.—*Circuit.*—Nos. 324, 215, 216, 257, 271, 246, 1621, 1410, 251, 235, 350, 272, 273, 274, 275, 2065, 2147.

SUPREME COURT—*Special Term.*—Nos. 56, 142, 7, 40, 51, 55, 71, 90, 91, 114, 128, 134, 137, 146, 149, 157, 160, 184, 197, 204, 216, 224, 248, 258, 268, 310, 311.

SUPREME COURT—*General Term.*—Nos. 202, 719, 514, 718, 179, 411, 673, 675, 112, 710, 722, 726, 727, 305, 409, 491, 492, 661, 543, 608, 711, 329, 366, 722, 512, 183, 61, 237, 227, 305, 581, 529, 231, 652, 231, 440, 246, 41, 221, 284, 580, 718, 420, 425, 436, 432, 522, 428, 421, 416, 418, 456.

Before Judge Roseboom.

COMMON PLEAS—*Part I.*—Nos. 1046, 598, 599, 1488, 1656½, 1308, 1579, 1679½, 1064, 1329, 1403, 1492, 1555, 1608, 1642. *Part II.*—Nos. 1660, 1666, 1681, 1682 to 1689, 1692, 1693, 1694.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Dec. 12.

Judge NELSON has sent down a decision in the case of the brig *Ellen*, affirming the decision of Judge Betts in the District Court. The *Ellen*, as will be recollected, was libeled in April last on a charge of being fitted out for the Slave-trade. The principal evidence against her was statements proved to have been made by Captain Van Vechten, her master, but the truth of which Van Vechten himself denied when called as a witness. Judge Betts held that the evidence was not sufficient for the condemnation of the vessel, and dismissed the libel with costs, which decree is now affirmed. The vessel and her cargo have been in custody of the Marshal ever since she was first seized.

The following is Judge NELSON's opinion:

The United States vs. *The brig Ellen and her cargo.*—NELSON, C. J.—I have examined the opinion of Judge Betts in the within case, and I concur with him that the mere declarations of Van Vechten, under the circumstances stated, were not competent evidence.

Decree below affirmed.

For the United States, Mr. McKeon. For claimants, Messrs. Beebe, Dean and Donohue.

SUPREME COURT—AT CHAMBERS.—Dec. 11.

Before Hon. Justice Davies.

Application for an alternative mandamus was made by Mr. Devereux, in the cases of two dismissed policemen of the old force—Andrew J. Hebbard and James McCune. Affidavits were read. His Honor, on the ground that they were dismissed without notice of the charges, if any, against them, granted the application.

Alternative mandamus returnable on the 14th.

The Marvine and Wood Case.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Dec. 12.

Before Hon. Justice Bosworth, Hoffman, Slosson, Woodruff and Pratt.

DECISIONS.

Sheldon et al. vs. *Fernando Wood.*—This is the celebrated Wood and Marvine case, the plaintiff being the assignee of Marvine. The case came up on Saturday, on an appeal from the order at Special Term, affirming the report of the referees. Judge WOODRUFF rendered the decision o the Court. He gave a very full opinion on the various technicalities raised on the appeal. As to the general question, whether the referees found evidence to sustain their judgment, he remarked that the defendant had not overcome the evidence adduced by the plaintiffs. There was no evidence to sustain the allegation of partiality on the part of the referees against the defendant, and the Court deemed that no such partiality existed.

The judgment appealed from must be affirmed.

Shepherd Knapp vs. *The New-York and Harlem Railroad Company.*—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

Henry Cary vs. *The New-York and Harlem Railroad Company.*—Judgment affirmed, with costs.

Charles G. Dean vs. *Charles Chamberlin.*—Order affirmed, with costs.

James Mason vs. *Zebedee Ring.*—Order affirmed, with costs.

Joseph B. Nenes vs. *Allen Woodworth.*—Order on terms.

ONE OF THE LIBEL SUITS AGAINST THE HERALD.

Wesley vs. *Bennett.*—This was an action brought by Mr. Edward B. Wesley, one of the proprietors of the NEW-YORK TIMES, against the *Herald*. The complaint contained two distinct causes of action, on two separate libels, contained in the money articles of the *Herald*. To the first cause of action a demurrer was interposed by the defendant. On motion, it was struck out as frivolous, at Special Term. The defendant appealed.

Mr. David Dudley Field, for the defendant, contended that the article was not so clearly libelous as to make it frivolous to demur. It might bear two constructions, one of which was innocent, in which case they had a right to raise the question by demurrer.

Mr. Lyman Abbott, for the plaintiff, contended that wherever the words were ambiguous, the question as to their meaning must be submitted to a jury, and that consequently the demurrer could not be sustained unless the words were incapable of bearing a libelous meaning, and cited a number of cases in support of his position. The decision was reserved.

SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Justice Slosson.

Victor P. Considerant vs. *Albert Brisbane.*—Demurrer overruled with costs, but with liberty to the defendant to withdraw demurrer and answer within twenty days upon payment of costs of demurrer.

George W. Clodge vs. *S. N. Reisbeck.*—Motion for injunction denied, with $7 costs.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Justice Barbour.

DECISIONS.

William Radford vs. *James C. Slaight et al.*

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Punta Arenas, will give rise to many speculations as to his plan of future operations. He has kept his secret so well, that no journal in the Union has been officially informed of the line of campaign he proposes to adopt. Were it any other man than WILLIAM WALKER who thus undertook to ascend the San Juan in the teeth of the hostile force that garrisons its banks, we should regard the adventure as desperate and hopeless; but the perseverance, energy, courage and audacity of our filibuster have, on more than one occasion, conquered greater difficulties than those which now stand in his way. In addition to these qualities, which of themselves are often a guarantee of success, there is no doubt that General WALKER's schemes for carrying out this second expedition have been devised with all possible sagacity and caution.

The pending hostilities between Nicaragua and Costa Rica are greatly in favor of the Americans. The first invasion was conceived and executed upon the plea that WALKER's assistance was required and urgently demanded by the Democratic Party of Nicaragua. In the present state of affairs it is very probable that such a demand has been repeated. The jealousy that has always existed between the rival Nicaraguan factions is notorious. They hate each other far more than they hate the filibusters, and either party, we believe, would not hesitate to accept the aid even of filibusters, provided they could thereby regain the power of which they were for the time deprived. If such a jealousy can be excited between opposite political parties in the same Republic, their animosity must be bitter indeed against the Costa Ricans, who have assumed the right to garrison their forts and dictate to them the policy they shall preserve within their own territory. Under these circumstances it is not at all unlikely that a portion of the people of Nicaragua—particularly those who feel most severely Costa Rica's self-asserted superiority—have demanded WALKER's aid, and have promised him the assistance of a large native party. Such a condition of things would render WALKER's advance decidedly favorable. The telegraph states that he landed at Punta Arenas at the head of about four hundred men. With these, and the Texas Regiment expected from Mobile, he will have an army sufficiently large to seize and occupy the whole line of the San Juan. An invasion will probably be made at the same time in the direction of San Juan del Sur, on the Pacific, by the California detachment. If both these movements, or only one of them, should be attended with good fortune, it is very certain that, under the enthusiasm of the news, General HENNINGSEN will be able to take with him large reinforcements to the aid of his chief, and this, apparently, is the object of that officer's prolonged stay in the United States.

To give a fair and reasonable probability to the supposition that WALKER will be again installed President of Nicaragua, it only remains for him to receive the active support of a native party. Without that support, he can never justify his position in the eyes of the people of the United States. This he knows full well; so he sticks perseveringly to the point that he is still the executive of Nicaragua. He asserts that he was elected for a term which has not yet expired—that he was temporarily displaced, not by the votes of the people, but by a foreign power—a circumstance which cannot affect his title in the slightest degree. A very few weeks will tell whether he will receive any of that popular favor which he pretends he can command.

If General WALKER again gets possession of the Government of Nicaragua, and succeeds in obtaining the recognition of the United States, his position will be much more stable than it ever was before, and no Central American alliance will be able to remove him. The treaty lately signed at Washington, and now on its way to Nicaragua for ratification, will then be his strongest support. That treaty binds the United States to keep open and protect the most convenient route by which reinforcements can reach him, and even to fight his battles if any foreign power attempts to blockade his ports. The provisions of the treaty are precisely those which WALKER himself so eagerly sought to obtain from the administration of General PIERCE; and they have been drawn up now under the supervision of his friends, with great ability, and with a sole eye to his interests. We are, on the whole, not surprised to read in the telegram from New-Orleans that "Walker stock is up."

Too Long Credits.

The credit system, under prudent restrictions, is a necessity of trade. Cash down is simply impossible, except in a very limited kind of business. But there is a vast difference between a proper credit system and an improper one, and this difference is not only exhibited in a very striking manner in various kinds of business in New-York, in which short and long credits are given, but in the business of this City as compared with that of Philadelphia. The *Journal* of that city publishes an extract from a letter from a New-England manufacturing concern to their agent in Philadelphia, which says:

"We think you were very much mistaken in your estimates of most of your concerns, and, on the whole, we think it very discreditable to the jobbing trade of your city to make such a show as most of your suspended houses do. *So far, we have not lost as much in the whole United States*, as in your city alone."

The truth of this statement is not denied, and the cause of it is attributed to the recklessness of the Philadelphia houses in selling on ruinously long credits, for the purpose of inducing customers from the West to purchase their goods there instead of coming to New-York. The consequences of such imprudence have been palpable enough: Philadelphia jobbers have sold an enormous quantity of merchandise, and they have made more disastrous failures than in any other of the great cities of the East; their banks were the first to suspend, and they will be the last to resume specie payments. The *Journal* states that the jobbing merchants have been in the habit of purchasing their goods at six and eight months, and selling them at nine and twelve. Such a system as this could not end otherwise than in disaster, and it is not at all strange that more bad debts should be contracted there than in any other part of the Union.

There have been meetings in this City of [illegible] to remedy this evil, but nothing has been done by any other class of our jobbers in relation to this matter. The experiences of the past six months have taught important lessons to all classes of traders, importers and manufacturers, which they will profit by, for a while at least, in their future transactions. The seasonal terms of credit require no change; they have been established to conform to the exigencies of commercial transactions in this country, but it is their enforcement which is needed to save the community from the evils which have afflicted it the present year. With the opening of trade in 1858 there will be a new method of doing business inaugurated which will be better for the importer, jobber, retailer and consumer.

The President and the Pirates.

While the general tone of Mr. BUCHANAN's first message breathes more of the "temperate passion" natural to his time of life, than of the decision appropriate to his high office, that one particular passage in which he deals with the escape of WILLIAM WALKER from New-Orleans, lacks neither force nor fire. The President denounces his projects with commendable energy, and exhibits so firm a determination to shut the stable door, as must excite in every patriotic breast a sincere regret that he could not have been on the spot in time to perform that operation before the horse had been fairly stolen. He describes the true nature of the Walker Expedition in the plainest terms, and stigmatizes, by implication, the legal functionaries of the Government at New-Orleans, as the accomplices of an unprincipled adventurer in his successful attempts to set at defiance the laws of the land, and to carry out an enterprise eminently calculated to damage both "the interests and the character of the United States." This portion of the Presidential prelection must have greatly comforted those representatives of the great Foreign Powers at Washington who had been worrying themselves with unpleasant recollections of the Ostend Conference, as it certainly has received the cordial approval of all the respectable and loyal citizens of the United States.

Mr. BUCHANAN may therefore count with confidence upon the sincere sympathy of the public in the distress and uncertainty of mind to which he is now exposed, by the news which has been brought by the *Empire City* at New-Orleans from Havana with the California and Aspinwall mails. For the same fatality which paralyzed the agents of the Presidential will in Louisiana, has pursued the righteous purposes of our excellent Chief Magistrate into the Gulf of Mexico. "Months ago," says the President, "the Secretary of State issued instructions to the Marshals and District-Attorneys, which were also directed by the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to the appropriate military and naval officers, requiring them to be vigilant and to use their best exertions in carrying into effect the provisions of the act of 1818." The Marshals and District-Attorneys allowed the object of all these administrative attentions to slip away between their fingers with a steamer full of arms and munitions of war. For some time it has been uncertain what had become of him, and not a few people had begun to avow the hope that the waves of the Mexican Gulf might have done the work which the American Government had so signally failed in doing. But WILLIAM WALKER was not born to meet a watery grave. Destiny reserves for him a more conspicuous fate, and in the meanwhile proposes to make of him an instrument for depriving Mr. BUCHANAN of his natural rest, and of all confidence in the agents of his authority. After cruising about for twelve days off the coast of Central America, in the steamer *Fashion*, and failing to land at one or two points, which he made, WALKER, on the 25th November, steamed directly into the harbor of Punta Arenas, and *passing under the stern of the United States ship Saratoga*, landed himself once more upon the shores of Nicaragua. Not the slightest attempt, the telegraph tells us, was made to prevent the landing of the expedition, and nobody even "guessed" that WALKER was WALKER.

So much for the sagacity of American naval officers, and for the vitality of the instructions issued by the "Secretaries of War and the Navy."

Urgently occupied as he at present is in attempting to console Mr. FERNANDO WOOD for the contumacious treatment inflicted upon him by the citizens of New-York, and in hewing to pieces that famous "Cincinnati Platform" upon which he was raised to power, Mr. BUCHANAN may fail perhaps to feel the full force of this calamity which has overtaken his Government so suddenly, and of course so unexpectedly. But when he shall realize the severity of the blow, he may be sure, as we have said, that the people of the United States suffer with him. The spectacle of an Executive defeated at every point by the most insignificant of lawless vagabonds, and impotent in every circumstance to secure obedience to its orders, has not been made sweet to us by use. Four years of President PIERCE have not dulled our national sensibilities on this subject, and believing Mr. BUCHANAN, as of course we must, to be merely the victim of some inscrutable, unhappy law which accumulates disappointment and disaster about his way, we read the story of WALKER's second hegira more in sorrow than in wrath.

Fortunately, however, for Mr. BUCHANAN's peace of mind, and for the honor of the country, there is still some work to be done towards the vindication of our insulted laws. The same telegram which brings us news of the landing of WALKER, announces the intended departure of more "emigrants" for Nicaragua from some port on the Gulf. Why should not the President appoint that great unemployed, FERNANDO WOOD, to special service on the police of the nation, and send him southward to display his "executive capacity" in the capture of these "pirates of the Gulf?" Where Marshals and District-Attorneys, Captains of marines and naval Lieutenants all alike fail, a Mayor might still succeed, and not only build himself a decent name, but redeem the national authority from the otherwise irremediable contempt into which it is fast falling.

A VERY SENIORS JOKE.—The Philadelphia *Bulletin* says, "The inevitable joke about establishing a branch Mint in Manhattan City has been perpetrated by Hon. Mr. MACLAY." This may be a joke, but the Philadelphian [illegible] here mention of establishing a Branch Mint in this City to save, the commercial community the cost and delay of sending all our silver and gold to Philadelphia to be coined, throws our neighbors into spasms which are anything but amusing. The Bulletin says, "Owing to the immense amount of paper money there (New-York) no necessity exists for the multiplication of coin large or small." Seeing that our banks resume specie payments to-day, and that the city which can boast of a Mint does not, this may be considered a tolerably good joke.

The Central Park and the Aldermanic Inquiry.

The second great Aldermanic investigation into the doings of the Central Park Commission came off on Saturday. They had "papers, books and persons" before them, and went through the whole proceeding *en règle*. The first of these inquiries arose out of the refusal of the Board to make a member of the Common Council their pay-desk clerk. The disappointed candidate for office, finding they would not take him into employment upon his own recommendation, determined, at least, to make an uproar, and accordingly moved for a Committee, "armed with full power," &c. Before this lawful tribunal the Commissioners declined to appear, but Mr. VIELE, the Engineer, did appear, and demolished, in a few words, the whole theory of fraud and corruption, built up by the ambitious and disappointed aspirant.

No one who knew the ravenous eyes with which New-York Aldermen look upon any portion of the public funds which does not pass through their own pure hands, ever supposed they would let the matter rest here. The elections speedily supervened to create another difficulty. There was not a candidate for election or reelection in any one of the Wards, and their name was legion, who did not determine to get himself returned by means of the Central Park. Places on the Park were promised by the thousand to the voters during the canvass, by men who had no more means of fulfilling their promises, and no more claim on the Commissioners, than the captain of the "Atlantic Blues." Aldermen, both in *posse* and in *esse*, distributed recommendations for employment by the hundred to any dupes who were prepared to vote for them. Alderman MCSWEGAN, in particular, got some hundreds of printed forms ready, and dispensed them with a lavish hand, calling upon the Superintendent to give the bearers work at sight. His associates did not perform this operation so systematically, but they did it quite as industriously. It is hardly necessary to say that in the vast majority of cases, these recipients of Aldermanic bounty were "scurvy politicians," who had never done an honest day's work in their lives, and whose idea of employment in the public service was ample remuneration for uninterrupted "loafing." To have employed one-third of them would have been no less a fraud upon the City than an injustice to the really industrious and suffering poor. Of the bushels of letters received by the Commissioners from the City Fathers, a very small minority was accordingly attended to, and the appointments that were made, were made, as far as possible, upon other grounds than the amount of service rendered by the applicants at the polls on election day.

The natural result of this is, that the Aldermen are suffering, no doubt, under the vituperation of their disappointed adherents, and have again vented their rage in a "Committee of Inquiry," founded upon "a report" that the Park workmen were receiving less than the current rate of wages, and that the Commissioners were pocketing the difference. A report of the examination will be found in another column, from which it will be seen that our municipal authorities have added another to the long list of follies by which their reign has been marked. Four facts were elicited:

First—That every pains has been taken to avoid making any appointments upon political grounds, and that the Superintendent personally cautioned the men before the election against supposing that their votes would in any way affect their position there.

Second—That so far from being underpaid, those who work by the day receive one dollar a day, and those who work by the piece nine cents per cubic foot for breaking stone, which is *more* than the usual price, and at which rate some men actually earn as much as two dollars a day.

Third—That the disbursements of the minutest items in the accounts has been surrounded by so many checks and forms, that fraud is almost impossible, and

Fourth—That though the Commissioners are allowed each $300 a year for carriage hire, not one of them has drawn a cent of it.

The Central Park is the first public work we have had in this City for many a day, in which an attempt has been made to conduct it honestly, and without reference to political considerations. Everything else we have is more or less daubed over with the slime of corruption. So far, in spite of the desperate efforts of the gang of knaves who rule us in the City Hall, the experiment has been remarkably successful. We call upon the public, as the next step in the great work of City reform, so well inaugurated by WOOD's defeat, to strengthen the hands of the Commissioners and the Superintendent in their resistance to the schemes of the factious conspirators, who have so long plundered us.

A Naval Militia.

A proposition was made in England, not long since, to establish a volunteer naval system, having some resemblance to the county militia, so that, in case of necessity, the Queen might depend upon a sufficient body of trained seamen to man her ships. What the details of the plan were we have never seen.

But Commodore JONES, of our own naval service, has made a proposition of a similar character, in a communication to the *National Intelligencer*. The plan of the Commodore is not very clearly described, but his main proposition is to furnish naval equipments to a thousand privateers, or letters of marque, the cost of which the Commodore estimates would not exceed $2,000,000; and the result, he thinks, would be the creation of a naval militia which "might bid defiance to all the navies of Europe."

The difficulty in the way of the execution of [illegible] that of finding [illegible] in time of profound peace with all the world, would desire if desirable to equip themselves with military equipments. They would take up a great deal of room which might be more profitably employed in carrying freight. There is no part of the world, just now, where arms are required on board of merchant ships, except in the Chinese seas, to keep off pirates. But there may possibly be some use for guns on board of our whalemen, if the Russian Government should carry out its threat about driving our ships out of the Russian waters in the North Pacific. In that case letters of marque may be very acceptable to our whalers, and a Dahlgren gun or two on board of a New-Bedford ship may become as necessary as harpoons.

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We are inclined to suspect that the Executive will be relieved of his embarrassment by the discovery that Governor WALKER has not, after all, returned to Kansas. We think it much more likely that he has gone to Philadelphia, or some other rural retreat, where he may devote himself undisturbed to the preparation of a Reply to the President's Message upon Kansas affairs. This will probably be issued in the form of an Address to the American people, or delivered as a speech at a public dinner which may be offered as a compliment to the Governor by his Philadelphia friends.

We presume that, in this document, if he is actually engaged in preparing one, he will make some rather startling revelations of the wholesale and unqualified manner in which he was not only permitted, but instructed, by the President to pledge his personal honor and the faith of his Administration, that the Constitution framed at Lecompton should be submitted to the popular vote. We have no doubt of his ability to show that it was only after repeated solicitations, and by this distinct and reiterated assurance, that he was finally induced by the President to accept the office. We shall look also for full statistics of the condition of Kansas,—a complete history of the Lecompton Convention and its leaders,—an expedition of the Mother and Oxford County frauds,—some startling illustrations of the violent temper of the people, and of the difficulty with which the peace has been hitherto preserved, and thermometrical evidence of the fact that KANSAS, having quite as rigorous a climate as New-England, can no more be made a Slave State than Vermont or Massachusetts; and we think it not at all unlikely that he will show, perhaps to the satisfaction of the President himself, that the direct tendency of the policy he is now pursuing is to establish, upon the borders of the Slave States, as zealous, fanatical and uncompromising an *Abolition* community as can be found within the Union.

All these are important and interesting topics; and we have no doubt GOV. WALKER can discuss them with great interest and ability. We should greatly prefer to wait for it, however, until after he had resumed his post of duty in Kansas, and done everything in his power to carry her people safely through the crisis upon which they are entering. It ought not to be dated East of Lecompton, nor issued until after the receipt of an autograph letter from President BUCHANAN, informing him that his services were no longer required.

WRITING HIMSELF DOWN A JUDGE.—Judge FINN, the "successor" of Judge OAKLEY, invites public attention to himself in a letter which will be found in another column of this morning's TIMES. The Judge is not pleased with our remarks upon his rather remarkable proceedings, and he accordingly attempts to argue the public into the conviction that they were wholly unjust. He indulges in sundry facetious outbursts of judicial sarcasm upon the Press, and especially upon the TIMES, and waxes as humorous as the dignity of his position will permit, in his picture of the "constantly ignited and constantly exploding magazines" which are kept in the editorial offices of the daily newspapers. It is easy to see, however, that the Judge's hilarity is a little forced, and that he really is not half as much amused as he affects to be. A man of strong nerves may possibly pretend to laugh, when he sees the public laughing at him,—but the grin is too emphatic to be quite natural.

The Judge says that *the People* have elected him to be Judge OAKLEY's successor; 98 out of 80,000 persons voted for him,—and although he does not conceal his wish that he had received a few more votes, still as this gives him a legal title to the seat he intends to keep it. We believe nobody ever doubted his purpose,—and we certainly have not questioned his legal right; we have treated the whole question as one of taste. A seat on the bench of the Superior Court, in our judgment, is not a thing to be compassed by thimble-rigging. A man capable of securing it by a petty trick, is not fit to occupy it. Judge FINN substantially admits this, but pleads the statute of limitations. The objection that he is "not a gentleman" comes "too late;" it ought to have been raised during the canvass. Probably it would have been, if anybody had known that he was running.

The Judge insists that "in the eye of the law" he is the peer of his "associates." The qualification is judicious; but the eye of the law sometimes squints. Besides, it makes some difference whether these "associates" [illegible] that of [illegible] profound peace with all the world, would desire if desirable to equip themselves with military equipments. They would take up a great deal of room which might be more profitably employed in carrying freight. There is no part of the world, just now, where arms are required on board of merchant ships, except in the Chinese seas, to keep off pirates. But there may possibly be some use for guns on board of our whalemen, if the Russian Government should carry out its threat about driving our ships out of the Russian waters in the North Pacific. In that case letters of marque may be very acceptable to our whalers, and a Dahlgren gun or two on board of a New-Bedford ship may become as necessary as harpoons.

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We presume that, in this document, if he is actually engaged in preparing one, he will make some rather startling revelations of the wholesale and unqualified manner in which he was not only permitted, but instructed, by the President to pledge his personal honor and the faith of his Administration, that the Constitution framed at Lecompton should be submitted to the popular vote. We have no doubt of his ability to show that it was only after repeated solicitations, and by this distinct and reiterated assurance, that he was finally induced by the President to accept the office. We shall look also for full statistics of the condition of Kansas,—a complete history of the Lecompton Convention and its leaders,—an expedition of the Mother and Oxford County frauds,—some startling illustrations of the violent temper of the people, and of the difficulty with which the peace has been hitherto preserved, and thermometrical evidence of the fact that KANSAS, having quite as rigorous a climate as New-England, can no more be made a Slave State than Vermont or Massachusetts; and we think it not at all unlikely that he will show, perhaps to the satisfaction of the President himself, that the direct tendency of the policy he is now pursuing is to establish, upon the borders of the Slave States, as zealous, fanatical and uncompromising an *Abolition* community as can be found within the Union.

All these are important and interesting topics; and we have no doubt GOV. WALKER can discuss them with great interest and ability. We should greatly prefer to wait for it, however, until after he had resumed his post of duty in Kansas, and done everything in his power to carry her people safely through the crisis upon which they are entering. It ought not to be dated East of Lecompton, nor issued until after the receipt of an autograph letter from President BUCHANAN, informing him that his services were no longer required.

WRITING HIMSELF DOWN A JUDGE.—Judge FINN, the "successor" of Judge OAKLEY, invites public attention to himself in a letter which will be found in another column of this morning's TIMES. The Judge is not pleased with our remarks upon his rather remarkable proceedings, and he accordingly attempts to argue the public into the conviction that they were wholly unjust. He indulges in sundry facetious outbursts of judicial sarcasm upon the Press, and especially upon the TIMES, and waxes as humorous as the dignity of his position will permit, in his picture of the "constantly ignited and constantly exploding magazines" which are kept in the editorial offices of the daily newspapers. It is easy to see, however, that the Judge's hilarity is a little forced, and that he really is not half as much amused as he affects to be. A man of strong nerves may possibly pretend to laugh, when he sees the public laughing at him,—but the grin is too emphatic to be quite natural.

The Judge says that *the People* have elected him to be Judge OAKLEY's successor; 98 out of 80,000 persons voted for him,—and although he does not conceal his wish that he had received a few more votes, still as this gives him a legal title to the seat he intends to keep it. We believe nobody ever doubted his purpose,—and we certainly have not questioned his legal right; we have treated the whole question as one of taste. A seat on the bench of the Superior Court, in our judgment, is not a thing to be compassed by thimble-rigging. A man capable of securing it by a petty trick, is not fit to occupy it. Judge FINN substantially admits this, but pleads the statute of limitations. The objection that he is "not a gentleman" comes "too late;" it ought to have been raised during the canvass. Probably it would have been, if anybody had known that he was running.

The Judge insists that "in the eye of the law" he is the peer of his "associates." The qualification is judicious; but the eye of the law sometimes squints. Besides, it makes some difference whether these "associates" [illegible]

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Fort Riverside, to my knowledge. One was wounded [illegible] by a straggling ball while shooting [illegible] boy, but it [illegible] Yesterday [illegible] in the yard at the time he was [illegible] shooting with a rifle near [illegible] Fort Riverside. [illegible] the jurisdiction of the [illegible] This is not correct. No question of the [illegible] was raised. I expressly mentioned the Canadian [illegible] to be subject to the government of any [illegible] I have not the heart to write him or any man in [illegible] sympathy. I am, very respectfully, Your [illegible] THOMAS CHILDS, Jr.,

Fort Riverside, Saturday, Dec. 18, 1857.

Message of the Governor of Kentucky.

Gov. MOREHEAD'S biennial Message to the Legislature of Kentucky, sets forth the unencumbered public debt of the State at $[illegible]. The expenditures in the last year ($[illegible]) [illegible] the receipts by $[illegible]. The balance in the Treasury on the 1st inst. was $[illegible]. The balance in treasury Oct. 31, 1857, $[illegible]. The financial troubles of the country have had a marked influence upon the affairs of this State, but the blood is passing away. The Governor says that the best bank system has not guaranteed us against the evil, and he says the usury laws have not protected the borrower, but have only served to drive the money out of the State. He says the usury laws have not been a benefit to the borrower, but have

MARKET REPORTS.

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COAL—Foreign has been in better request. Liverpool Cannel is arrive and here, at $10 25@$10 50; Lehigh, at [illegible] chaldron, on 4 months credit; and Pictou at $5 50, cash, ⅌ ton. No change has occurred in Anthracite.

COFFEE—Is more sought after by the trade,—and we have heard of sales of 1,000 bags Java at 15½c.@ [illegible]; 1,000 bags Rio at 11½@11¾c.; 150 bags Maracaibo at 11½c.@11¾c., and some Rahll at 9c.@ [illegible]. The [illegible] for the cargo of 4,000 bags Rio Coffee, on 60 on Thursday, is a speculator, was 9½c. ⅌ lb. We quote Java, 13½c.@16c.; Maracaibo, 9½c.@ [illegible]c.; Rio, 9½c.@10½c.; St. Domingo, 8½c.@9½c.; Laguayra, 10c.; [illegible], and Laguayra, at 10½c.

COTTON—Is coarse and in slack request,—including good Middling Uplands at 11½c.; Gulf do. at 11½c. ⅌ lb. There is hardly any middling Cotton offering, and the small stock in market being concentrated chiefly of good middling qualities.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour is [illegible], cheaper, and consequently brisker. Sales 11,000 bbls.

Common to good Superfine	$4 50@$4 60
Extra State	4 70@ 4 80
Superfine Indiana and Michigan	4 50@ 4 60
Superfine Ohio	4 55@ 4 65
Fancy Ohio	4 75@ 4 85
Extra Indiana and Michigan	4 75@ 4 85
Extra Ohio	5 25@ 7 00
Fancy Genesee	5 00@ 5 50
Extra Genesee	5 50@ 6 50
Fancy and choice Extra Missouri	5 75@ 7 50
Canadian continues heavy and languid. Sales 200 bbls.	

Southern is dull and heavy. Sales 1,100 bbls. low mixed [illegible] at $4 25@$4 30 ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour is in slack demand at old prices, $4 50@ [illegible] ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is quiet, yet steady, at $2 [illegible] for Jersey, and $3 [illegible]@$3 70 for Brandywine ⅌ bbl. Buckwheat Flour [illegible] ⅌ 100 lbs.

FRUIT—Raisins continue in good request, with sales comprising Layer at $3 [illegible]@$3 50; Bunch, at $2 [illegible]@$2 10 ⅌ whole box; smaller packages at proportionate rates.

GRAIN—Wheat is more abundant, and closes languidly. Sales 21,000 bushels, including ordinary Milwaukee, at $1 [illegible]; Red Western, part good, at $1 15; do. do. Club, at $1 [illegible]@$1 05; do. do. Spring, at 96c.@98c., and poor White Southern, at $1 [illegible] ⅌ bushel. Corn is scarce and quiet. Sales 14,000 bushels, including [illegible] new crop Yellow and White Jersey and Southern, and nominally, 78c.@ [illegible] for mixed Western, 80c. for Yellow Southern, and [illegible]. Old Mixed Western is quoted at 75c.@76c. ⅌ bushel. Rye has been purchased to the extent of [illegible] bushels, including Northern at 78c.@80c., delivered; and Jersey at 74c. ⅌ bushel. 3,200 bush. State Barley changed hands at from 70c.@72c. ⅌ bushel. Oats are in slack demand at our revised quotations, at 44c.@45c. for Western; 46c.@48c. for State; 38c. [illegible] for Jersey and Pennsylvania, and 33c.@39c. for Southern, ⅌ bushel.

HAY—Sales [illegible] bales North River at 85c.@70c., cash, ⅌ 100 lbs.

HEMP—In St. Louis, during the week ending Dec. 9, sales were made of 1,261 bales embracing American, (including 1,000 bales to a city spinner,) at prices ranging from [illegible], and 8 bales dressed do. at $132 ⅌ ton. The stocks reported in the warehouses at St. Louis, Dec. 9, were 5,200 bales, which have since been reduced by sales and shipments nearly 2,000 bales.

HIDES—Sales have been reported since our last of 2,000 Rio Grande at 19c.; 1,100 Orinoco at 17c.; 500 Sandwich Islands at 12½c., all on 6 months' credit; 450 Chagres at private bargain; 200 dry salted Maracaibo at 10½c., and 500 dry Southern at 10c., rejecting bad hides. Stock in first hands to-day: 305,000, against 8,574 same date last year, and 31,234 same time in 1856. Mr. HULL, broker, says:

The receipts for the week have been light, both from foreign and coastwise ports, and, with an active demand [illegible] the stock has slightly diminished. Prices have [illegible] and a further decline of 1@2c. ⅌ lb. [illegible] as will be seen by the appended [illegible] are very cautious about operating to any [illegible] the present decline, and a large [illegible] the market, could not be sold unless at a [illegible] from current rates. Tanners [illegible] purchase, except for their [illegible] while the market is in this state, [illegible] we cannot expect a very [illegible] receipts fall off, as they probably will during the early part of the coming year, [illegible] a more firmed market and steadier [illegible] have been 4,000 from foreign ports, as follows: [illegible] Griffin; 1,520 Sarandine, per [illegible]; 500 Gambia, per [illegible]; 1,000 Venezuela, per [illegible]; 1,000 Laguayra, per [illegible]; 1,000 Maracaibo, per [illegible]; 1,000 Rio Grande, per [illegible]; 1,000 Sandwich Islands, per [illegible]; 1,000 Calcutta, per [illegible]; 1,000 Manila, per [illegible]; 1,000 Cuba, per [illegible]; 1,000 Southern, per [illegible]; 1,000 Texas, per [illegible]; 1,000 Mexican, per [illegible]; 1,000 Sundries, per [illegible]; 1,000 Total, per [illegible]; 1,000 Total, per [illegible]; 1,000 Total

AUCTION SALES.

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SPLENDID HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT AUCTION.—DANIEL P. HUGH, Auctioneer, office No. [illegible] will sell on [illegible] DAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock at the premises of the Subscriber, a very superior collection of Household Furniture, comprising Rosewood Parlor Furniture, Rosewood Chamber Furniture, Rosewood Dining Room Furniture, Extension Tables, Sideboards, Chairs, Mirrors, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Stoves, Kitchen Furniture, and all in general order. In the basement are a full suite of Dining-room furniture, extension table, buffet and chairs to match, besides a great variety of Kitchen utensils, China, Glass and Ten-sets, silver ware, cutlery, forks, linen chests, ivory cutlery, crockery and Japanning ware. Sale positive. Deposits required of every purchaser. In the parlors are velvet carpets, three mantel clocks, side and hall stagers, pier glasses, pembroke tables, easy chairs and fauteuils, bronzes, marble vases, lamps, fixtures, lace curtains, couches, bookcases and library secretaries, rosewood piano, 7-octave, fine engravings. In the chambers are superior carved rosewood bedsteads, bureaus, commodes, sofas, couches, chairs, cradles, antique bedsteads, &c.; 18 pure curled hair mattresses, and fine blankets and bedding of all kinds. Catalogues can be had at the house.

HENRY H. LEDDS, Auctioneer.

GREAT SALE OF PAINTINGS, DEC. 17.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell on THURSDAY, Dec. 17, at 10½ o'clock, at their gallery, No. 23 Nassau-st., a superb collection of costly oil paintings, pastels and water-color drawings, the property of E. Schaus, Esq. This collection, made during the past year, both in this country and in England, includes choice works by the most popular American and English artists. Among them will be found pictures by Atkinson, Boddington, Carmichael, Darnielzie, Coleman, James M. Hart, Wm. Hart, Hill, D. Johnson, Morris, Gainsin, Shattuck, Spencer, Williams, Webb, and many others. It is seldom that we offer to the friends of the fine arts so many choice works at one time, and we invite special attention to this sale. The pictures will be on view, with catalogue, from Monday, Dec. 14, up to day of sale.

E. SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.—CONTINUATION OF ASSIGNEE'S sale of Toys, Fancy Goods, &c., for cash. The subscriber will offer on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16, at 10 o'clock A. M., at No. 31 Maiden-lane (up stairs), New-York, a large and attractive assortment of toys, fancy goods, &c., at public auction, being part of the fashionable stock imported by JOLLEY & TIERS. This sale offers great inducements to City and country dealers about selecting their holiday stock, as it includes a complete variety. N. B.—The particular attention of the trade is requested. EDWARD HEN, Assignee of Jolley & Tiers.

OGDEN JOLLEY, JR., & CO.
WM. M. TIERS & CO.

Goods at private sale, No. 43 Maiden-lane and No. 31 Cortlandt-st., (up-stairs.)

W. S. MELLOR, Auctioneer.

FURS AT AUCTION.—THIS DAY, (MONDAY,) at 10 o'clock, at salesroom No. 102 Broadway, below Maiden-lane, by MELLOR & LLOYD, consisting of the richest collection of Hudson Bay sable capes and muffs; 200 sets of French Sable Rock mink, golden fitch and other fashionable styles; together with 75 sets of children's furs, in variety. Also, an assortment of rich beaver gloves, gauntlets, muffers, and other styles of gentlemen's furs. Also, 25 of the richest and most costly robes ever offered. Catalogues issued early. Worthy the attention of ladies and gentlemen. Capes valued at $100 to $350each.

WM. IRVING, Auctioneer.

IRVING & WATKINS WILL SELL AT Auction, on MONDAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom No. 8 Pine-st., a superb collection of elegant and costly furs, ladies' fur sets, Russian Sable, sable and mink, worth from $50 to $500; ermine, stone marten, French sable, squirrel, marten, lynx, &c. Gentlemen's and children's furs of every variety and description. A beautiful collection of carriage, sleigh and lap robes open for inspection at 8½ o'clock in the morning.

PHILIP B. WILSON, Auctioneer.

HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT AUCTION.—WILKINS & LIVINGSTON will sell at auction THIS DAY, (Monday,) Dec. 14, 1857, at 10½ o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 6 Pine-st., near Broadway, an assortment of handsome rosewood and mahogany parlor and bedroom furniture, all of which is worthy the attention of parties wishing to purchase.

J. S. H. BASSETT, Auctioneer.

CROCKERY, GLASS, CHINA AND FANCY GOODS.—J. S. H. BASSETT will sell, TUESDAY, Dec. 15, at 10 o'clock, at No. 261 Pearl-st., the largest and best assortment of the above goods, in lots from the above, ever offered in this market. Those wanting cheap goods for the Holidays will do well to attend. Goods well packed for shipping, and catalogues now ready.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.—PROPOSALS FOR A STATE ARSENAL.—Sealed proposals will be received until the 15th day of December, at the office of the Commissary General, corner of Elm and White sts., New-York, for the work and materials of a State Arsenal to be erected on the corner of 7th-av. and 35th-st., New-York. The work will be let as a whole or in five separate contracts, viz.: masonry, carpentry, iron, slating and plumbing; the last to include tinning and gas fitting. Proposals will be required from the contractors and such as the Commissioners will approve. The contracts will be awarded within three days after the expiration of the time in which the bids are to be received, and the persons to whom the said contracts or contracts are awarded will be required to enter into contract within three days after such award is made by the Commissioners. Plans, specifications and forms and terms of contracts may be seen at the office of CLEVELAND & BACKUS BROTHERS, Architects, Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 23 Wall-st.

E. F. BRUSH,
FREDERICK TOWNSEND, } Commissioners.
J. H. HOBART WARD,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1857.

OFFICE OF RECEIVER OF TAXES, (New Court-House,) No. 32 Chambers-st., New-York, Nov. 11, 1857.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT 1 per cent. will be added, on the 1st day of December, on all taxes remaining unpaid. Also, that 2 per cent. will be added on the 15th day of December, on all taxes and bills on City Banks taken. Envelopes containing money and bills not received. No money received after 3 o'clock. WILSON SMALL, Receiver.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS WILL meet in room No. 8, City Hall, on MONDAY, Dec. 14, at 2 P. M., to take into consideration the subject of the Iron Pavement generally. All parties interested are invited to attend.

EDWARD C. McCONNELL, } Committee
HENRY HOFFMIRE, on
JAMES GRIFFITHS, } Streets.

OFFICE OF RECEIVER OF TAXES—NO. 32 Chambers-st., New-York, Dec. 4, 1857.—Notice is hereby given that on all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of January next interest will be added, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, from the 7th day of September last to the date of payment. No money received after 2 o'clock. WILSON SMALL, Receiver of Taxes.

NAVY AGENT'S OFFICE, New-York, Dec. 11, 1857.

SEALED PROPOSALS, INDORSED PROPOSALS for Pork, will be received at this office until Thursday next, the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock, for three hundred (300) barrels of Pork, subject to the inspection of the Navy-Yard. The offers will state the price per bbl.

GEORGE N. SANDERS, Navy Agent.

FURNITURE.

ENAMELED CHAMBER SUITES OF FURNITURE, in all colors and styles, Wholesale and Retail, At prices from $22 and upward. WARREN WARD, No. 277 Canal-st., (old No. 83,) Four doors east of Broadway, New-York.

ENAMELED CHAMBER FURNITURE.—New and beautiful styles of enameled, solid oak and grained chamber furniture. Housekeepers in want of these cheap and fashionable styles of Bedroom Furniture will find an extensive assortment at H. P. FARRINGTON'S Warerooms, No. 322 Canal-st., opposite Wooster-st., New-York.

FOR THE SOUTH.

FOR CHARLESTON, FLORIDA AND MEMPHIS, TENN.—UNITED STATES MAIL SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIP LINE.—The new, magnificent and very fast-going steamship NASHVILLE, L. M. MURRAY, Commander, will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 19, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely. For freight, apply on board, where all bills of lading will be signed, and for passage, (having elegant accommodations,) at the office of SPOFFORD, TILESTON & Co., No. 20 Broadway. The steamship COLUMBIA, Capt. BERRY, will succeed and leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 26. The favorite steamers CAROLINA and EVERGLADE make regular trips to Florida, connecting with the steamships New-York, and leaving Charleston every TUESDAY. Through tickets sold to the various places. Through tickets to Memphis, Tenn., may be had by applying as above.

FOR PORTSMOUTH, PETERSBURG AND RICHMOND.—The U. S. Mail steamship ROANOKE, Capt. THOMAS SKINNER, will leave on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River. She will arrive at Portsmouth the next afternoon, and at Petersburg the following morning. Passengers for the South will proceed directly on by the great Southern Mail Line. Those for Richmond will arrive there early on Friday morning. Travelers will find this the cheapest, pleasantest and most expeditious route. Passage and freight, with stateroom, to Portsmouth, $8; to Petersburg and Richmond, $10. Apply to LORILLARD PLEASANTS, No. 52 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA—UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.—The favorite steamship FLORIDA, Captain ISAAC CROWELL, will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 19, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River. Bills of lading signed only on board. For freight or passage, apply to SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, No. 12 Broadway.

Steamers for Florida connect at Savannah, leaving every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.

LAND WARRANTS.

U. S. PASSPORTS—INDISPENSABLE TO TRAVELERS.—Issued through J. B. NONES, Notary Public and Commissioner of all the States, No. 15 Nassau-st. Naturalized citizens must produce certificates. Bounty Lands, Pensions, Back Pay, &c., secured.

MAGNOLIA, EAST FLORIDA.—THE HOUSE and lot of this place by the subscriber, two years since, was purchased for persons desiring to spend the Winter in a mild climate. It will be ready for the occupancy about the 1st of November. The premises are dry and healthful, and the woods abound in game of all kinds. Other lots, not exceeding a half mile from the village, can be had at $50 each. Magnolia is 18 miles from Lake City, 18 miles from Baldwin, on the Florida Railroad, 50 miles from Jacksonville, Fernandina and Cedar Keys, and 2 miles from Magnolia Landing, on the navigable waters of the St. Mary's River, which is said to be healthy. The journey thither will be made at the expense of the subscriber, who will be ready to start on the first day of November, if a sufficient number of persons should offer. Persons desiring information, or to join the party, will please call on the subscriber, at his residence, No. 17 Lexington-av., between 23d and 24th-sts., New-York, or address him at Magnolia, Florida.

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FINANCIAL.

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NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH, AND NATIONAL BANK OF IRELAND, in name of Alexander & Co.

TAYLOR BROTHERS, Bankers,
No. 18 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

PROPOSALS FOR A LOAN TO CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY.—Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at office No. 18 City Exchange, Boston, up to the 8th day of January next, at 12 o'clock P. M., for a loan of $400,000, in money, payable as follows:
10 Ten per cent on the 15th of January, 1858, which first installment shall be paid at the time of subscribing.
20 Twenty-five per cent on the 15th of February, 1858.
25 Twenty-five per cent on the 15th of March, 1858.
20 Twenty per cent on the 15th of April, 1858.
20 Twenty per cent on the 15th of May, 1858.
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For which bonds will be issued against each payment.

For which the Company will issue 8 per cent bonds of $1,000 each, dated 1st January, 1858, with semi-annual coupons, and having 20 years to run.

The proposals will be opened at the office No. 48 City Exchange, Boston, on the 8th day of January next, at 11 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the Board of Directors of the Company, who will award without reserve to the highest responsible bidder.

A circular will shortly be issued giving full information as to the financial condition of the Company, and the form of security to be given for the above-named loan. By order of the Board.

EDWARD L. BAKER, Jr.
Boston, Dec. 6, 1857. Committee.

BANKING AND COLLECTION OFFICE.
SMALLEY, WEED & BARTLETT,
No. 64 Wall-st., New-York.

Having reliable correspondents, will collect paper payable at all accessible points in the United States and Canada at a commission of one-quarter of 1 per cent, and proceeds delivered to our customers promptly on the day received.

Our firm will continue to be represented at the Stock Exchange Board, and will attend promptly to all orders for the purchase and sale of bonds and stocks. Our transactions at the Board being strictly on commission, we are enabled to give entire satisfaction to those who may favor us with their orders.

References—Moses Taylor, Esq., Wm. B. Astor, Esq., New-York.

TRANSFER AGENCY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.—OFFICE OF KETCHUM, HOWE & CO., No. 45 William-st., Dec. 12, 1857.—Holders of New Internal Improvement Stock of 1847 of the State of Illinois who wish to avail themselves of the installment to be paid upon the principal of that Stock in Year next, at Springfield, Ill., are hereby notified that I am prepared to attend to the collection of said installment, and also to the funding of the accrued arrears of interest upon the same stock. A register of all certificates sent through my hands for the above purposes will be preserved at this agency.

MORRIS KETCHUM,
Transfer Agent.

PARTIES HOLDING COUPONS OF THE First Mortgage Bonds of the Manitowoc and Mississippi Railroad Company, and of the Bonds of the villages of Manitowoc and Menasha, Wisconsin, will present the same to the undersigned SECRETARY, Attorney, No. 62 Wall-st. Parties are hereby cautioned against purchasing any of the bonds of this Company, except those numbered from one to fifty inclusive, as all others have been surreptitiously obtained; and also against purchasing any of the Village Bonds of the village of Menasha, Wisconsin, numbered from one to twenty-six inclusive, as the same were improperly delivered, the Company having received no consideration therefor.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD CO.—CLEVELAND, Nov. 27, 1857.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Cleveland, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of twelve Directors and transaction of other business, and especially to authorize an increase of the capital stock under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, passed April 15, 1857. By order of the Board.

E. ROCKWELL, Secretary.

THE ATTENTION OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company is called to the fact that the 20th instant is the date of expiration of the power to subscribe to the new Second Mortgage Bonds, under the terms of the circular issued by the Board of Directors, Nov. 25, 1857.

WILLIAM WALCOTT, Treasurer.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1857.

SAINT NICHOLAS BANK, No. 7 Wall-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1857.

NOTICE.—THE FOURTH INSTALLMENT OF $25 on each share of the increased Capital Stock of this Bank will be payable at the banking house on SATURDAY, the 2d January next. By order of the Board.

A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

NOTICE.—A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Breckenridge Cannel Coal Company will be held at their office, No. 23 Greenwich-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of December, at 4 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the financial condition of said Company. J. M. SHOTWELL, President.

CASH ORDERS FOR THE PURCHASE and sale of Stocks and Bonds solicited by MEIGS & CRITTENDEN, 17 Nassau-st., New-York.
References—Bank of the Republic, American Exchange Bank, Metropolitan Bank, Merchants' Bank.

MISSOURI STATE INTEREST.—THE COUPONS due the 1st of January next, on all Bonds of the State of Missouri, will be paid on presentation after that date, at the Bank of Commerce in New-York.

H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.—All dealers with this Company wishing to dispose of their scrip before the close of the year, can obtain fair prices for it at the office of WM. C. GILMAN & SON, Nassau, Merchants' Exchange.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 69 WALL-st., issue credits for Commercial and Traveling purposes, available in any part of the world.

BANK NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE subscriber has been duly appointed by the Honorable Superior Court, now in session at Brooklyn, within and for the County of Windham, Receiver of all the evidences of debt, goods, effects, &c., of the Granite Bank of Voluntown, in said County, and that said Court has limited the term of sixty days, from the 30th day of November, 1857, for the bill-holders and other creditors of said Bank to exhibit their claims to the subscriber, duly attested and proved, or be debarred recovery.—Dated at Danielsonville, Conn., Nov. 18, 1857.

A. D. LOCKWOOD, Receiver.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 69 Warren-st., one door from Greenwich-st.—Interest at the rate of six per cent. on sums from $1 to $500. Open daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 4 to 7 P. M.

V. L. BURROS, Sec'y. W. W. CONCKLIN, Pres.

METROPOLITAN BANK, NO. 108 BROADWAY.—New-York, December 8, 1857. The balance of the increased Capital Stock of this Bank is required to be paid on or before Tuesday, the 22d inst. By order.

GEO. L. SENEY, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the second installment of $25 per share on the new subscription to the stock of the Bank of New-York, payable on the 2d of January next, will not be called for until further notice.

W. D. MEEKER, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 12, 1857.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of the New-Jersey Zinc Company, held This Day, a Dividend of Four Per Cent. was declared on the Preferred Stock, and to be payable on and after Monday, the 4th of January next.

The following gentlemen were elected Officers of the Company, viz.:

HENRY ATKIN, President.
W. REDMOND, Vice-President.
A. H. FARLIN, Treasurer.
A. L. WALLACE, Secretary.

H. AITKIN, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—OFFICE DELAWARE and Hudson Canal Company, New-York, Dec. 7, 1857. The Board of Managers of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after SATURDAY, the 26th inst., at the office of the Company, No. 20 William-st., corner of Exchange-place. The transfer books are now closed, and will remain closed until the morning of the 21st inst. By order of the Board.

ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

FULTON BANK, New-York, Dec. 14, 1857.

THE FULTON BANK WILL PAY A SEMI-ANNUAL dividend of five per cent. (5) to the Stockholders on and after the 1st day of January next.

(This dividend is in place of the usual dividend for November, which was omitted to be declared at that period.)

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th inst. to the 1st proximo, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.
(Signed,) W. J. LANE, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 297 Broadway, corner of Park-place, New-York, Dec. 14, 1857.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of six (6) per cent, payable on and after the 2d of January next. The Transfer Books will be closed on the 20th inst.

WM. TAFFRAY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INS. CO., No. 2 Wall-st., New-York, Dec. 1, 1857.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a dividend of eight per cent. upon the capital stock, payable on and after the 2d day of December, 1857. R. W. BLEECKER, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF the Peter Cooper Fire Insurance Company have declared a dividend of twenty dollars upon the capital stock, payable on and after the 1st day of December, 1857.

HENRY A. GARLEY, Secretary.

INSURANCE.

BRITISH COMMERCIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
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This Company has been 27 years in successful operation, and is the only one in the kingdom of the nominal $4,000,000 capital chartered for insuring the Atlantic, California and European risks.

Premiums only half the usual rate.

Insurance may be made by mail.

Prospectuses may be had, payable on the party's reaching the age of 60 or 65.

GEO. M. KEEVIN, Agent.

HORSES TAKEN TO REST FOR THE WINTER on hay and carefully attended to. Terms 2 [illegible] per week. Horses taken there during the winter at Coney-Island.

FOR EUROPE.

FOR ENGLAND AND HAMBURG, 1857 AND 1858.—EMPIRE LINE.—NEW-YORK AND HAVRE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—The United States Mail steamship ARAGO, 2,000 tons, DAVID LONG, Commander, and steamship FULTON, 2,000 tons, J. A. VERVEN, Commander, will leave New-York, Havre and Southampton for the year 1858, on the following days:

LEAVE NEW-YORK:		LEAVE HAVRE:	
Arago,	Saturday, Jan. 16.	Fulton,	Tuesday, Nov. 17.
Fulton,	Saturday, Feb. 13.	Arago,	Tuesday, Dec. 15.
Arago,	Saturday, Jan. 2.	Fulton,	Tuesday, Jan. 12.
Fulton,	Saturday, Feb. 6.	Arago,	Tuesday, Feb. 9.
Arago,	Saturday, Mch. 6.	Fulton,	Tuesday, Mch. 9.
Fulton,	Saturday, April 3.	Arago,	Tuesday, April 6.
Arago,	Saturday, May 1.	Fulton,	Tuesday, May 4.
Fulton,	Saturday, May 29.	Arago,	Tuesday, June 1.
		Fulton,	Tuesday, June 29.

These steamers, built expressly for Government service, with double engines under deck, every care has been taken in the construction of hull and machinery to insure safety and speed. The ships have five water-tight compartments, including the engines, so that in the event of collision or stranding, the water could not reach them, and the pumps being free to work, the safety of the vessel and passengers would be secured. Recent experiments have demonstrated the absolute necessity of this mode of construction. The accommodations for passengers are believed to combine every comfort and convenience that can be desired.

PRICE OF PASSAGE:
From New-York to Southampton & Havre, 1st Cabin, $120
From New-York to Southampton & Havre, 2d Cabin 75
From Havre or Southampton to New-York, 1st Cabin, $100
From Havre or Southampton to New-York, 2d Cabin, $60

To passengers going to London, these steamers offer the advantage of economy, both in time and expense.

Specie delivered in London.

No passage secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

All letters and newspapers must pass through the Post-Office.

For freight or passage, apply to W. S. BRAYTON, Agent, No. 7 Broadway; WM. IRELIN, Agent, Havre; CROSKEY & CO., Agents, Southampton; LIVINGSTON, WELLS & CO., Paris.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$120
Second Cabin Passage.....75

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$110
Second Cabin Passage.....60

The ships from Boston call at Halifax.

AFRICA, Shannon, leaves N. York Wednesday, Dec. 9.
AMERICA, Lott, leaves N. York Wednesday, Dec. 16.
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves N. York Wednesday, Dec. 23.
CANADA, Lang, leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 30.
PERSIA, Judkins, leaves N. York Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1858.
NIAGARA, Wickman, leaves Boston Wed'y, Jan. 13, 1858.
AFRICA, Shannon, leaves N. York Wednes'y, Jan. 20, 1858.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced Surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Gold, Silver, Bullion, Specie, Jewelry, Precious Stones or Metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor and the value thereof therein expressed. For freight or passage, apply to E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

THE NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS.—The ships comprising this line are:

The ATLANTIC, Capt. OLIVER KEENEDY.
The BALTIC, Capt. JOSEPH COMSTOCK.
The ADRIATIC, Capt. JAMES WEST.

These ships have been built by contract expressly for Government service, every care has been taken in their construction, in the engines, to insure strength and speed; and their accommodations for passengers are unequaled for elegance and comfort.

The steamers of this line have improved water-tight compartments, and no expense has been spared to make them all as good as new; the thorough examination given them proves their mode of construction YET UNEQUALED.

Price of passage from New-York to Liverpool, in first cabin, $120; in second cabin, $75. From Liverpool to New-York, 20 and 20 guineas. An experienced surgeon attached to each ship. No berth can be secured until paid for.

PROPOSED DATES OF SAILING.

FROM NEW-YORK.		FROM LIVERPOOL.	
Saturday, Jan. 16	1858	Wednesday, Feb. 3	1858
Saturday, Feb. 13	1858	Wednesday, March 3	1858
Saturday, March 13	1858	Wednesday, March 31	1858
Saturday, April 10	1858	Wednesday, April 28	1858
Saturday, April 24	1858	Wednesday, May 12	1858
Saturday, May 8	1858	Wednesday, May 26	1858
Saturday, May 22	1858	Wednesday, June 9	1858
Saturday, June 5	1858	Wednesday, June 23	1858
Saturday, June 19	1858	Wednesday, July 3	1858

For freight or passage, apply to

EDWARD K. COLLINS, No 56 Wall-st., New-York.
BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO., Liverpool.
STEPHEN KENNARD & CO., No. 27 Austin Friars, London.
E. C. WAINWRIGHT & CO., Paris.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for gold, silver, bullion, specie, jewelry, precious stones, or metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor and the value thereof expressed therein.

FOR LIVERPOOL.—THE UNITED STATES Steamship BALTIC, J. J. COMSTOCK, Commander, will depart with the United States mails for Europe positively on SATURDAY, Dec. 19, at 12 o'clock M., from her berth at the foot of Canal-st.

For freight or passage, having unequaled accommodations for elegance and comfort, apply to

EDWARD K. COLLINS, No. 56 Wall-st.

Passengers are requested to be on board at 11 o'clock A. M. All letters must pass through the Post-office; any others will be returned.

NOTICE.—The steamers of this line have improved water-tight compartments, and no expense has been spared to make them as good as new; the thorough examination given them proves their mode of construction yet unequaled.

GREAT REDUCTION ON FARE TO EUROPE.

First Cabin.....$80 | Second Cabin.....$50

In the first-class paddle-wheel steamships ARIEL, 2,000 tons, C. D. LUDLOW, Commander, and NORTH STAR, 2,600 tons, P. E. LEFEVRE, to sail from pier No. 4, North River, at noon precisely, carrying the United States Mails, viz.:

Leave New-York for	Bremen for Southampton and Bremen.	Southampton and New-York.	Havre and Southampton for New-York.
N. Star, Dec 26.	Saturd'y, Nov. 28	Wed'sday, Dec. 2.	
Ariel, Sat'y, Jan. 23	Saturday, Dec. 26	Wed'sday, Dec. 30.	

These steamers touch at Havre. Specie delivered in London and Paris. For freight or freight apply to D. TORRANCE, Agent, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.

STEAM BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.—EDINBURG, 2,600 tons, WILLIAM CRAIG, Commander, NEW-YORK, 2,150 tons, ROBERT CRAIG, Commander; GLASGOW, 1,822 tons, JOHN DUNCAN, Commander. The Glasgow and New-York Steamship Company intend sailing these new and powerful steamers from New-York to Glasgow direct, as follows:

FROM NEW-YORK.	FROM GLASGOW.
New-York, Saturday, Jan. 16,	12 noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE:

First class, $75; third class, found with cooked provisions, $30. An experienced surgeon attached to each steamer. For freight or passage apply to JAMES RAEBURN, Agent, No. 17 Broadway. New-York City bills or gold only received for passage.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—ON and after Monday, Nov. 9, 1857, and until further notice, passenger trains will leave pier foot of Duane-st., as follows, viz.:

Dunkirk Express, at 8 A. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo and intermediate stations.

Rockland Passenger, at 3 P. M., from foot of Chambers-st., via Piermont, for Suffern and intermediate stations.

Way Passenger, at 4 P. M., for Newburg, Middletown and intermediate stations.

Emigrant, at 6 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo and intermediate stations.

The above trains run daily, Sundays excepted.

Night Express, at 6 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo, every day.

These Express trains connect at Elmira with the Elmira, Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad, for Niagara Falls; at Binghamton with the Syracuse and Binghamton Railroad, for Syracuse; at Corning with Buffalo, Corning and New-York Railroad, for Rochester; at Great Bend with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad for Scranton; at Hornellsville with the Buffalo and New-York City Railroad, for Buffalo; at Buffalo and Dunkirk with the Lake Shore Railroad, for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, &c.

CHARLES MORAN, President.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.—WINTER ARRANGEMENT—Commencing Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1857.

TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT CORNER OF WHITE AND CENTRE STS.

9¼ A. M.—Mail train for Albany, stopping at all stations north of Williams Bridge.
6¼ P. M.—White Plains train, stopping at all stations.

LEAVE TWENTY-SIXTH-ST.

6 A. M.—Williams Bridge train, stopping at all stations.
11¼ A. M.—White Plains train, stopping at all stations.
2½ P. M.—Williams Bridge train, stopping at all stations.
3 P. M.—Millerton train, stopping at Williams Bridge and all stations north.
4 P. M.—The Croton Falls train, stopping at all stations.
5 P. M.—Williams Bridge train, stopping at all stations.

WM. J. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Connecting at New-Hampton with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

FALL ARRANGEMENT—Commencing Oct. 26, 1857. Leave New-York for Easton and intermediate places from Pier No. 8, North River, at 7:30 A. M., 12 M. and 3:30 P. M.; for Somerville, by above trains and at 4:30 P. M. The above trains connect at Elizabeth with trains on the Central New-Jersey Railroad. Leave New-York from foot of Cortlandt-st. at 7:30 and 12 M., 3:30 and 4 P. M.

Passengers for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad will leave at 7:30 A. M. only; for Lehigh Valley Railroad at 7:30 A. M. and 12 M. only.

JOHN O. STEARNS, Superintendent.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH AND WEST, via JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line. Leave New-York at 6 and 11 A. M. and 4 and 6 P. M.; 12 M., $2 25; stopping at all way stations. Through tickets sold for Cincinnati and the West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington at 9 A. M. and 6 P. M.

J. W. WOODRUFF, Assistant Superintendent.

No baggage will be received for any train unless delivered and checked 15 minutes in advance of the time of leaving.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—From Dec. 2, 1857, trains will leave Chambers-st. as follows: Express trains 6¼ and 11½ A. M. and 4:45 P. M.; Freeport train at 3½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.; Peekskill freight train at 1½ P. M. from 31st-st. only, as passenger train at 3½ P. M. from Chambers-st. Sing Sing train at 6 A. M. Passengers taken at Chambers, Christopher and 30th-sts. Stations only. Trains for New-York leave Troy 6:15 A. M., 12:35 and 4:35 P. M., and East Albany at 6:30 A. M., 12:45 and 5:05 P. M.

FLUSHING RAILROAD—LEAVES FULTON Ferry (foot of Dover-st.) by steamer, ISLAND CITY, at 6 and 9 A. M., 1, 2:30, and 5 P. M. The cars leave Flushing, L. I., at the same hours, meeting and exchanging passengers with the boat at Hunter's Point—through in 40 minutes. Fare 25 cents.

WM. H. SMITH, Receiver.

SUPERIOR PARLOR AND TABLE [illegible] PILES, [illegible] JOHN V. GULIVE, No. 3 Stuyvesant-st.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—[illegible] COUNTY OF OTSEGO.—SARAH JANE HILLIE [illegible] against LEONARD HILLIE [illegible] OTSEGO.—[illegible] WASHINGTON HILLIE [illegible] SOLOMON HILLIE his wife, Thomas T. Chesebrough [illegible] Christie his wife, Emma Tucker, [illegible] Harvey, Thomas Mackenzie Harvey, Mary Harvey, Oliver Wesch, Sarah Elizabeth Calam, Emma Louisa Calam, Theodore H. Calam, Chauncey J. Cambreling, [illegible] New-York Life Insurance and Trust Company.—To the above defendants Eliza Harvey, Annie Harvey, Edmund Harvey and Thomas Mackenzie Harvey: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in said City, and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 10 Wall-street, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, Sept. 7, A. D., 1857.

S. CAMBRELENG, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The complaint in the above-entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, on the 17th day of September, 1857.

S. CAMBRELENG, Plff's Att'y.

SUPREME COURT—COUNTY OF STEUBEN.—BARTHOLOMEW SEAATS, Plaintiff, against SAMUEL HALLETT, and ANN E. HALLETT, his wife, Oliver Wetmore, Augustus Wetmore, Edmund A. Wetmore, Henry A. Wetmore, Marcellus Mackey, Joseph Pettit, Jr., Stephen R. Rathbone, Receiver of the Bank of the Republic of Providence, Rhode Island, Amos Robbins, Eli Robbins, John Thompson, of South Kingston, Rhode Island, Joshua Fish, Jr., and Lodyan Robinson, Defendants.—Summons for Relief.—(Com. not ser.)—To the above-named defendants Samuel Hallett, Ann E. Hallett, Stephen R. Rathbone, Receiver of the Bank of the Republic of Providence, Rhode Island, Amos Robbins, Eli Robbins, John Thompson, of South Kingston, Rhode Island, Joshua Fish, Jr., and Lodyan Robinson, Defendants.—Summons for Relief.—(Com. not ser.)—To the above-named defendants Samuel Hallett, Ann E. Hallett, Stephen R. Rathbone, Receiver of the Bank of the Republic of Providence, Rhode Island, and John Thompson, of South Kingston, Rhode Island: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the county of Steuben, at the village of Bath, in said county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated Oct. 21, 1857.

B. SKAATS, Plaintiff in person.
No. 111 Broadway, New-York.

The complaint mentioned in foregoing summons was filed in the office of the Clerk of Steuben County on the 21st day of November, 1857. B. SKAATS, Plaintiff.

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SUPREME COURT.—ELIJAH HOUGHTON AND EDWIN HOUGHTON against JEROME MERRITT.—Summons for money demand on contract.—To the defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall of said City, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 10 Wall-street, in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of four hundred and twenty dollars and twenty cents, with interest from the 15th day of April, 1850, besides the costs of this action.—Dated New-York, Dec. 8, 1857.

LEWIS B. REED, Jr., Plaintiff's Attorney,
No. 10 Wall-st.

The complaint in the above action was fil

NEW-YORK CITY.

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—upon a fair at its rooms, corner of Bleecker and Crosby-streets, on Monday, Tuesday, and continued to Friday last week. The proceeds of the other articles from the variety, refreshment and commerce of the occasion, amounted, they have will be [illegible] to be applied to the use of the infirmary, which is doing a beautiful good work, relieving the sick, poor, and suffering females medically.

Board of Canvassers.

The Board of Canvassers did not conclude their labors on Saturday, as was anticipated. After correcting the returns of one District in the Seventeenth Ward, they adjourned over to this morning, when the result will be obtained officially. The canvass of the returns for Mayor, Governor of the Almshouse and Supervisors, is complete as follows:

FOR MAYOR.

Tiemann	41,199
Wood	40,905
Tiemann's majority	2,294

FOR ALMSHOUSE GOVERNOR.

Bugg, (Dem.)	42,240
Smith, (Rep.)	22,082
Wagner, (Am.)	14,522

For Supervisors the average vote was for Democrats, 42,262; Republicans, 22,264; Americans, 14,522.

Fires.

FIRE IN BLEECKER-STREET.—On Saturday evening, shortly after 7 o'clock, a fire broke out in the second floor of the show-case manufactory of Wm. Swanson, No. 66 Bleecker-street. Mr. Swanson estimates a loss of about $400 on his stock, which is partially covered by insurance effected in the Hamilton Insurance Company. Frazee Gymnasium, which occupied the front part of the second floor as a furniture shop, lost about $300, on which there was no insurance.

The fire extended to No. 62 Bleecker-street and No. [illegible], the second floor of which were occupied by J. F. C. Fraenzer, variety maker. Loss [illegible]. Insured for $400 in the Hanover Insurance Company. Jas. Wilson occupied the first floor as a livery stable. His stock was slightly damaged. The building No. 62 Bleecker-street is owned by Mr. Wilson. It was damaged to the amount of $150. Insured for $300 in the Citizens' Company. The first floor of No. 66 Bleecker-street, occupied by Franz Dauler as a porter-house, and U. E. Bean, sign-painter, was damaged $100. No insurance. Reuben Mitran, cigar dealer, and W. D. Cornwall, house and sign painter, at No. 78 Bleecker-street, were losers to the amount of $50 each by the fire. The buildings Nos. 68 and 70 Bleecker-street, belonging to the Bleecker estate, were damaged about $400. Insured for $1,500 in the Jefferson Company. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FIRE IN GREENWICH-STREET.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the dry goods storefor D. Monzeen, No. 273 Greenwich-street. The fire was speedily extinguished, but not until Mr. Monzeen sustained a loss of $300 on his stock, which is covered by insurance of $2,000 in the St. Nicholas Insurance Company, and $1,500 in the St. Mark's Insurance Company. The damage to the building was only $25. An examination of the store left no doubt but that the fire was the work of an incendiary. A quantity of the goods smelt strongly of camphene, and three empty bottles, which had recently held camphene, were found in the store. The Police of the Fifth Ward arrested a person on suspicion of firing the store, but after an examination before the Fire Marshal he was set at liberty. The case will be further investigated by the Fire Marshal.

FIRE IN THE BOWERY.—Shortly after 1 o'clock, yesterday morning, a fire was discovered in the straw hat manufactory of AUSTIN BLAKE, No. 220 Bowery, which was in the second story of the building. The fire extended to the floor above, where it was put out. Mr. BLAKE's loss amounted to $300, on which there was no insurance. A. STEBBER occupied the first floor as a lager-bier and billiard saloon. His damage was trifling and covered by insurance of $150 in the Stuyvesant Insurance Company. C. LUDEMANN, who occupied the basement as a chair and basket manufactory, suffered some loss from water.

FIRE IN MARKET-STREET.—About 4 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the Dutch Reformed Church, corner of Market and Henry streets. It was caused by the hot-air furnace. Fortunately Engine Company No. 1 was passing the church at the time, and extinguished the fire before it got under headway.

FIRE IN BROOME-STREET.—At 11½ o'clock Saturday night a slight fire occurred in the saloon called the "Monte Christo," at No. 481 Broome-street. The damage to the stock and fixtures was about $100, and to the building $50. No insurance. JOHN MCCARRAHAN, who occupied the upper floor of the building, had his furniture considerably damaged by water.

FIRE IN JAMES-STREET.—At a few minutes before 9 o'clock last evening, a fire was discovered in the cupola of JAMES KIRK's brewery, in James-street, corner of the New-Bowery. The fire was soon extinguished, with a damage of not more than $50, which is covered by insurance. The fire originated from the boilers.

Coroner's Inquests.

THE STABBING CASE IN FORTY-FIFTH STREET. CHARGE OF MURDER.—An inquest was commenced Saturday by Coroner CORNELL in the case of MICHAEL DUNLEY, who died from the effects of a stab inflicted on the 24 inst., with a cheese knife, by FREDERICK HOVEA, a clerk in the grocery store corner of First-avenue and Forty-fifth-street. WM. MURRAY was the only witness examined. He testified that he had known the deceased five years, and that he was a temperate man and inoffensive. On the evening of the 24 inst., he went into the grocery store, corner First-avenue and Forty-fifth-street, to get a paper of tobacco. He saw the deceased and OWEN MCQUADLE in the store, and asked who was treating. He then asked HOVEA, the clerk, for a glass of beer, when the clerk said they had no beer. The deceased commenced cutting off a piece of beef with a butcher-knife, when the clerk said: "MIKE, don't cut that beef;" the clerk came from behind the bar with a hammer in his hand, and went up to where the deceased was standing. Some candle boxes were between him and the deceased and HOVEA. He thought they were struggling to get possession of the cheese knife which DUNLEY had in his hand. He told the deceased to give up the knife. DUNLEY immediately cried out "hold on, you are after stabbing me;" in a moment after he saw the blood gushing out of the deceased's thigh; HOVEA, the clerk, cried out, "O, murder, murder; MIKE, I've stabbed you, but I did not intend to do it;" he went after the brother-in-law of the deceased and told him that MIKE was stabbed, and that he had better get a doctor.

The further examination of witnesses was here adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning. HOVEA, it will be remembered, was arrested at the time of the affray and committed to prison by Justice BROWNELL, to await the result of the wounded man's injuries. DUNLEY was about 30 years of age, a native of Ireland, and a laborer by occupation.

Police Intelligence.

AN ATTEMPT TO MURDER.—At a late hour Saturday evening John Callihan and Patrick Flood, both residing at No. 145 Baxter-street, got into an altercation, when the latter drew a pistol and shot Callihan. The pistol was loaded with small shot, two of which hit Callihan in the head and three entered the back of his neck. The wounds are severe, but are not pronounced dangerous. The injured man was taken to the City Hospital and the attempted murderer locked up for examination.

THE PANEL GAME.—An old man named Joseph Carroll, residing in Morris Co., N. J., lost $150, on Saturday afternoon, by the panel game, at No. 90 Reade-street. Ayres, *alias* Willis, the proprietor of the place, and Louisa Johnson, a prostitute, were arrested charged with the robbery and held for trial. Upon examination the room which Carroll occupied was found to have a secret panel in the board partition, which had been used to effect the robbery.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—A man, giving his name as Henry Hine, was arrested yesterday, charged with assaulting Bridget Major, living at No. 77 Washington-street, and robbing her of $16. The complainant says she was walking through Baxter-street, when Hine suddenly attacked her, knocked her down, and took her money. The accused was locked up for trial.

CAPTURE OF A BURGLAR.—A young man, giving his name as Charles Thorne, was arrested yesterday for entering one of the rooms of the building No. 277 West Thirty-ninth-street with a skeleton key. He was caught just after entering the room, and directly handed over to a policeman. Justice DAVISON committed him for examination.

PUBLIC'S NATIONAL THEATRE.—The entertainment announced at this popularous theatre, to-night, is worthy of especial notice. The great drama of the "Revolt in India" will both commencing of the stage, and will be performed with the drama of "O'Neil, the Guest" and farce of "Comfortable Service." The Carlo family, also, commence an engagement, and appear in their unique entertainments. Go early.

ONE DOLLAR FOR THE WEEKLY LESSONS OF GYE HOWE BACK.—Double-entry Book-keeping, including mercantile writing and arithmetic, only one dollar. See advertisement in this day's *Herald* and *Tribune*. GEORGIAN, Nos. 562 and 564 Broadway.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Are you feeble in body, incapable of exertion, dull, languid, and despondent, yet unable to explain the cause? Be assured that it exists in the stomach and secretive organs, and that a course of this purifying and invigorating remedy will restore your strength, activity, and cheerfulness, and recruit all your energies.

MURRAY AND LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER—prepared with perfect ease from the choicest materials, and with the experience of 25 years. This celebrated toilet water, for sale by Murray & Co., Wholesale agents, No. 1 Cedar-street, and by all druggists, at 50 cents per bottle.

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LONG ISLAND.

A Singular Contempt Case—Fine $2,250—History of the Case.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT—Dec. 12.

Before Hon. R. D. Comstock, City Judge.

In the matter of George W. Brown vs. Loring Pickering, Mary F. Pickering, his wife, and Charles M. Bean.—This action was tried in the Court at the December term, 1856. It was brought to set aside the sale of a house by plaintiff to defendant Pickering, (who had it deeded to defendant Bean, who forthwith made it over to Mrs. Pickering,) on the ground of fraud. The payment for the property was made in the stock of a begus concern, known as the Webster Fire Insurance Company. After a hearing of the case the Court made a decree declaring the deed of conveyance from the plaintiff to Charles M. Bean fraudulent and void, and setting it aside as wholly inoperative; also setting aside the deed from Charles M. Bean to Mary F. Pickering, as wholly inoperative and void, and made without a valuable consideration. The decree further ordered that Loring Pickering and Mary F. Pickering should "execute and deliver to the plaintiff a conveyance of said premises in form to be approved by the City Judge of Brooklyn;" that the plaintiff recover from Charles M. Bean $312 61 "for the rent of said premises during the period that he held the same;" that the plaintiff recover of Loring Pickering $756 48 for the rent, &c., of the said premises since the conveyance from Charles M. Bean to Mary F. Pickering; that the plaintiff recover of the defendants $242 26 costs, and that the defendants be removed from the premises and the plaintiff put into full possession.

Upon this decree a writ of possession and execution was issued and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Jacob B. Striker, who on the 29th of April made the levy, and on the 30th took possession of the house and levied upon a sufficient quantity of the furniture to cover the costs, &c., as awarded in the decree. The furniture was immediately sent to an auction store and was sold on the 8th of June following.

On the 1st of May and subsequent to the delivery of the property the defendant appealed and filed the undertaking required by law.

The plaintiff's attorney excepted to the sufficiency of the security, and upon his application Judge Cutting made an order granting a stay of proceedings, and requiring the defendants on the 12th of June to show cause why the proceedings before the County Judge should not be vacated and set aside, with costs, on the ground of irregularity.

While these matters were going on the property was sold (8th of June).

On the 23d of June the defendants justified under the old undertaking, and then applied to the Court for an order of restoration of the property, on the ground that they had given security, when the Court ordered, on the 10th of July,

"That the writ of possession and execution issued on the judgment in this cause, and all proceedings thereon and thereunder, be, and the same are hereby superseded and set aside, and it is further ordered that the plaintiff restore and return to the defendants the said real estate and personal property."

This order was opposed by plaintiff's counsel on the ground that the real estate and personal property had been sold, the defendants having failed to justify in the due legal time; that the appeal staying the proceedings does not affect proceedings before the appeal was taken.

From this order plaintiff appealed to the General Term, (STRONG, BURNETT and DAVIES, Justices,) and was heard October 28, 1857. It was decided that the order of the City Court not involving the merits was not an appealable order, and the appeal was dismissed.

On the 30th October an order was made by the City Court upon affidavit of defendant Pickering, who swore that the personal property removed was worth $1,940 30, (it sold at auction for less than $800,) and that plaintiff had failed to restore the same in compliance with the order of the Court, July 16, requiring plaintiff to show cause why an attachment should not be issued against him for refusing and neglecting to comply with the said order.

The case was argued on the 12th of November, when plaintiff's counsel gave the same reason as set forth before, that the property had been sold under the original order of the Court, and it was impossible to comply. This not being satisfactory to the Court, an attachment was issued against the plaintiff BROWN, who was held to bail in the sum of $2,000 to appear before the Court on the 21st of November.

On the 21st, interrogatories were filed, and Brown was directed to file an answer and appear on the 28th.

On the 28th answer was made as before, that he had not had possession of the real estate since the order of restoration, and that he never had possession of the personal property, and he could not return the same.

One answer not being full enough, the case was further postponed until Dec. 5.

On Dec. 5 BROWN was convicted of contempt in failing to effect the restoration, when the papers were taken by the Court and last Saturday the 12th, Brown was directed to pay a fine of $2,250 and stand committed until paid, and the Clerk was directed to file the record of conviction. Thus ends another chapter in this remarkable case.

The counsel of plaintiff gave notice that he should take the case up on *certiorari* for review.

MORTALITY IN BROOKLYN.—Report of deaths in the City of Brooklyn from the 5th to the 12th of December, 1857: Males, 43; Females, 40. Total, 83. Men, 17; Boys, 20; Women, 20; Girls, 26.

DISEASES.—Inflammation of lungs, 9; disease of the brain, 7; consumption, 12; convulsions, 4; congestion of the lungs, 5; marasmus, 5; croup, 5; ulceration of the bowels, 3; congestion, 2; bronchitis, 2; stillborn, 2; inflammation of stomach, 2; dropsy, 2; measles, 2; scarlet fever, 2; paralysis, 2; hemorrhage, of lungs, 1; ulceration of lungs, 1; ulceration of leg, 1; inflammation of the liver, 1; inflammation of the bowels, 1; inflammation of the uterus, 1; disease of spine, 1; disease of heart, 1; dropsy in chest, 1; apoplexy, 1; debility, 1; colic, 1.

AGES.—Under 1 year, 18; from 1 to 2 years, 8; from 2 to 5 years, 10; from 5 to 10 years, 7; from 10 to 20 years, 3; from 20 to 30 years, 9; from 30 to 40 years, 9; from 40 to 50 years, 4; from 50 to 60 years, 6; from 60 to 70 years, 7; from 70 to 80 years, 4; from 80 to 90 years, 9; from 90 to 100 years, 1.

NATIVITY.—United States, 42; Ireland, 14; England, 2; Germany, 4.

WM. CLEVELAND, H. O.

BURGLARIES, &c.—The house of ELIAS AYRES, corner of Emerson-street and Fulton-avenue, Brooklyn, was entered by burglars on Friday night last, and robbed of property valued at $120.

On the same night the house of Mr. KIRBY, corner of Bales and Hamilton streets, was robbed of clothing and money.

THOMAS COWIN was brought before Justice COMSTOCK, on Saturday, and sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment, for stealing 98 worth of carpenter's tools from JOHN POLAND, in Hudson-avenue.

MORRIS MACK, brought before the same Justice on suspicion of stealing lead pipe, was committed for examination.

CHARLES WILSON and CHARLES SPONSBURG, arrested for robbing a vessel, at the Atlantic Basin, of ten barrels of beef, were on Saturday held by Justice BLACKLEY to await the action of the Grand Jury. ALBERT PARKER, arrested upon suspicion of participating in the robbery, was, upon examination, discharged.

FIRES IN BROOKLYN.—At 5 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the building occupied by A. D. Conrad, on Hamilton-avenue, near the Ferry, and before the fire was extinguished, stock and fixtures valued at $600 were destroyed, and the building, owned by Wm. B. Dana, was damaged to the extent of $300. The Union Hose Company's boat *Witchcraft* was brought into the slip, and her Worthington's Pumps put into operation.

The alarm of fire last night at 8½ o'clock P. M. proceeded from the ship Rose, lying near Montgomery's Ferry. The fire was extinguished without material damage to the vessel.

ROUGH BUSINESS.—Wm. MCKEYTHE, who was released from imprisonment in the Hinks Street Penitentiary, late one Friday, found in the rear of the Penitentiary buildings, Flatbush, insensible, by the Ninth Precinct Police, and was taken to the City Hospital, but at last accounts had not recovered so as to be able to explain the cause of his disease.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.—THOMAS QUINN, a defendant in a civil case on trial in the Brooklyn City Court, was on Saturday last fined $5, and ordered to be imprisoned for 10 days, for saying to a juror "Shall you be through this day?" At the request of defendant's counsel, the sentence was suspended.

DEDICATION.—The new German Methodist Episcopal Church on Wyckoff, near Smith-street, Brooklyn, was dedicated yesterday afternoon, Bishop JOHNSON officiating.

☞ While a milkman named OVERACKER was serving a family at No. 86 Myrtle-avenue, Brooklyn, Saturday morning last, a boy left in charge of the wagon was seized by three young ruffians who held him while they rolled the wagon of a small item of money and a can of milk. The thieves escaped.

☞ A County Sunday School Teachers' Association was organized yesterday in the Flatbush-street Baptist Church, Brooklyn. It is to be auxiliary to the State Association.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Case of Donnelly, the Murderer of Blanchard.

From the *Trenton Gazette*, 12th inst.

The decision of the Court of Errors in this case was delivered yesterday afternoon by Judge Cutting, reversing the order for a new trial in accordance of the Court convened, affirming the decision of the Court below.

The Chancellor agreed with the opinion of the majority, except upon two points—the second and seventh.

The second exception is to the admission by the Court of the question, "How much money did Mouse say he had?"

This question prejudiced the rights of the prisoner, and should not have been admitted.

The seventh exception is to the admission of the question, "What did Mouse say, in DONNELLY's presence, was the reason of DONNELLY's doing it?"

This, also, the Chancellor held to be an improper question, and one to which the Court should not have allowed the witness to answer, as no fair inference could be drawn from DONNELLY's silence.

It was with great diffidence that he differed with all the members of the Supreme Court, but these appeared to him points of so much importance as settling the practice for the future, that he was constrained to come to the conclusion that the judgment should be reversed.

The roll of the Judges was then called, and they answered as follows:

For affirming the decision of the Supreme Court—Judges GARRIS, RYNDERS, RILEY, WEBB, ARMSTRONG and SWAYZE—8.

For reversing the decision—The Chancellor, and Judges COMMODORE and VANDERVEER—2.

Mr. PENNINGTON said that he wished to state to the members of the Court of Pardons present, that the counsel for the prisoner intend to bring the case before them. This, he knew, was not the Court of Pardons, but he gave this notice in order that they might make their arrangements as to the time of the hearing, &c.

The Chancellor stated that the Court of Pardons had adjourned for the term, and that the Governor alone possessed the power of calling it together. It would be necessary for the counsel to make application to him.

After the transaction of some further business necessary to the conclusion of the case, the Court adjourned.

The Court decided an important question—it being the first time it has been raised in this State, viz.: that the prisoner had not a right to appear personally before the Supreme Court.

DONNELLY's only hope now is in the Court of Pardons, which has been summoned to meet at the State House on Tuesday, the 22d inst.

BURGLARIES.—The dry goods store of Messrs. ANTHONY & GREENE, No. 108 Grove-street, Jersey City, was entered on Friday night by forcing out a window in the back door, and robbed of silks to the value of about $300.

A fancy store in Newark-avenue, near Grove-street, was also entered on the same night, by means of false keys, but for some reason the burglars left, after tossing the goods about, without taking anything.

The grocery store of Messrs. HOTCHKISS & HAYDEN was broken into on Thursday night, but the burglars only took an instrument and bill, this being all there was in the money-drawer at the time. The safe containing the money and books was not harmed. No arrests have, as yet, been made in any of these cases.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 12.

$2,200	Indiana 5s. 36	62	25	Erie Railroad	15
5,000	do.	62¼	200	do.	14⅝
9,000	Virginia 6s	67	150	do.	14⅝
3,000	Cal. St. 7s, '72, new	87	400	do.	14⅝
2,000	Missouri State 6s	77	50	do.	b30 15
1,000	Harlem R. 1st mt.	85	10	Harlem Railroad	9
2,000	Ill. Cent. R. Bds.	82¼	120	C. R. & P. Railroad	90
			200	Reading R. R.	s10 46½
2,000	LaC. & W. L. G. bs.	30	200	do.	46⅝
6	Bank of New-York	16	200	do.	46⅝
13	Union Bank	101¼	200	do.	46⅝
111	do.	101	50	M. R. & N. Ia. R. R.	17⅝
11	Bank of America	97	200	do.	19
4	Bk. of the St. of N. Y	93	100	C. & Rk. Isl. R. R.	72
10	Bank of Commerce	99	100	do.	s30 72⅛
9	Imp. & Traders' Bk.	122½	100	M. S. & N. I. p. s.	22
28	Park Bank	82	70	do.	s3 22
20	Ocean Bank	69	200	Cleve. & Tol. R. R.	40
10	Metropolitan Bank	95	200	do.	b10 40⅛
300	Del. & Hud. C. Co.	101	1,000	do.	40⅝
46	Cum. Coal Comp'y	9⅝	100	do.	s10 40⅝
80	Penn. Coal Comp'y	68	100	Chic. & R. Is. R. R.	71
112	Pacific M. S. Co.	99	150	do.	b3 70
266	N. Y. Cen. R. R.	73	385	La Crosse & Mil. RR.	10¼
500	do.	71⅝	50	do.	s30 10
1250	do.	71⅞	100	do.	10⅝
100	do.	71⅞	25	do.	10⅝
200	do.	71⅞	50	do.	10¼
100	Gal. & Chic. R. R.	70⅞			

SECOND BOARD.

$3,000	Indiana State 5s.	62	25	Erie Railroad	s30 15
9,000	Virginia 6s	s60	100	do.	s30 14⅝
13,000	Missouri St. 6s	77	25	do.	s30 14⅝
2,000	Erie R. Bds. 1876	89	25	do.	b30 15
15	Merchants' Bk. Scrip	90¼	100	Reading R. R.	s30 46⅝
30	Stuyvesant Ins. Co.	50	50	Mich. S. & N. Ia. R. R.	s3 19⅝
10	Cumb. Coal Co.	9	50	Harlem Railroad	7⅝
165	La Crosse & Mil. R.	10¼	50	C. & Rk. Isl. R. R.	70⅝
50	do.	b30 12⅝	100	Clev. & Tol. R. R.	b10 41
150	do.	s30 10	50	do.	b60 41
100	do.	10⅝	100	do.	41
165	N. Y. Central R. R.	71⅝	50	Chic. & Rk. Isl. R.	71

MONDAY, Dec. 14—A. M.

The Foreign Trade at the port of New-York for the past week shows a total entry of Foreign Merchandise, including the Dry Goods table in our last paper, of $2,761,529, against $2,959,557 the week ending Dec. 13 last year. The Export clearances of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods amount to $1,184,959, against $1,903,268 the corresponding week last year. The Export of Specie, including $630,709 by the *Fulton* for Southampton and Havre, on Saturday, amounts to $2,654,429, against $1,320,039 the corresponding week last year. The Sub-Treasury balance on Saturday afternoon stood $4,257,840, against $3,966,412 at the close of the previous week. This gain of $291,428, and the export movement make an apparent loss to the Bank reserve of $2,945,857, against which the receipts by express from the interior are estimated to have averaged at least $200,000 a day, or $1,300,000 for the week. The difference, therefore, on the statement to be made up this afternoon is not likely to reduce the average of the week below $25,000,000 or $24,500,000, as against $26,069,832 on the previous average, with the prospect of $2,250,000 to arrive in the course of a day or two, on the *Star of the West*, from California. The telegraph reports this sum as having left Havana for New-York. It is possible the report may embrace the amount diverted to New-Orleans from Havana; but, even in this case, the Government drafts in the mail will no doubt make up the sum stated for New-York. The magnitude of the shipment indicates a continued heavy product at the mines, as well, perhaps, as diminished confidence among remitters to the Atlantic States, in bankers' credits. The same cause seems simultaneously to have added to the movement of Specie, as a substitute for bills through every channel of trade, domestic as well as foreign—from Europe and San Francisco to New-York, and from New-York to Europe and New-Orleans. The export demand for Specie this week promises to be less than the last, as the Cunarder sails from Boston, and the Collins steamer which should sail on Saturday having been withdrawn. The next financial and market news from Europe—which has been unaccountably delayed by the non-arrival of the *Europa*, now in her sixteenth day from Liverpool—will also, it is hoped, give a more favorable turn to both commercial and bankers' credits, and thus restore the movement of exchange to its accustomed channels. The difficulty for a fortnight past, which has made the export rate of Specie larger than it would otherwise have been, in the continued [illegible] the ability of Answer to supply most of the demand. Nearly the entire transactions of the fortnight have been either in Gold Bond or in sight bills made against Gold. The demand for the Continent, as compared with that for England, has been light. The terms for sight exchange are 111@111¼ on London; 5.12½@5.10 on Paris.

The Specie standard was formally restored throughout the State of New-York on Saturday. The New-England Banks follow the example today. American Gold Coin firm at ¼@½ ⅌ cent premium, falls to par as in exchange for other bankable funds. To this extent the exchanges with the suspended States, South and West, are not so favorable, Gold constituting a large share of their remittances to New-York. The declaration of resumption creates no sensation, as indeed it ought not. A good many business people speak unwillingly of the effect upon collections from the suspended States, apprehending a check to the liquidation of mercantile indebtedness, if the Banks of these States should be influenced to hasten or enforce their preparations for resumption also. But this feeling will no doubt soon pass away. The country at large has an inherent debt-paying ability which will continue to manifest itself, irrespective of the policy of the local banks. A just appreciation of this fact sixty or eighty days ago would have saved a world of mischief. The revulsion against overgrown credits might have come, but the blow would have fallen where it exclusively belonged, and thus saved the country from the terrors of panic, and the banking system from the stigma of suspension in the midst of a real prosperity among the people.

We scarcely deem it necessary to allude again to the circumstance attending the announcement of formal resumption on Saturday. The two or three Banks who put themselves out of the Clearing-house in order to fix their own day, were induced to shorten the time so as to come into line the same day with their old associates. This action was made the subject of some good-humored badinage on the Street and on 'Change, without provoking asperity, we believe, in any quarter.

The Stock Exchange, through the past week, manifested unusual dullness among buyers, and the continued absence of later foreign news, coupled with a bearish interpretation which the speculative sellers put upon the resumption of specie payments, caused the market, on Saturday, to rule lower, by ⅛@1 ⅌ cent than at any time since the beginning of the month. The following is the general comparison for the week, the closing bids being a fraction better than the sales at the early Board on Saturday:

	Dec. 5.	Dec. 12.		Dec. 5.	Dec. 12.
N. Y. Central	73	72	Rock Island	72¾	70
Erie	17¼	15⅛	Panama	93½	91
Illinois Central	91	88½	Missouri	78½	77
Ill. Cen. Bonds	82	80¾	Virginia	69	68
Reading	51⅛	49	Mich. Southern	17⅞	16⅞
Toledo	42	40¼	La Crosse	11⅛	10½
Galena	73	70½	Milwaukee	32⅞	31⅞

Banks and Money at New-Orleans.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Dec. 6.

The Money Market shows no change today. We hear of some paper passed at 1¼@2, and there is a partial demand for certain favorite signatures. The Banks complain of the insufficiency of good names offering, whilst in open market tip-top paper can be bought at 1¼@1½.

The Exchange Market continues very inactive, and buyers scrutinize names with extraordinary closeness. A few private sterling signatures of high grade passing freely, and a small amount of bank drafts was sold the morning at 108. The range for other kinds is from 109@109½. A fair business was done in France, mostly at 5.18¾@5.15, through bankers' drafts brought 5.16, and secondary paper sold down to 5.20. Sight on New-York was in better request, with sales at 1¼@1½ ⅌ cent discount. A round amount of drafts drawn at 1¼, and some checks sight 1½. The Banks check at 1. A small amount of sixty-days was sold at 3¼.

Including the specie held by the Bank of America and the Crescent City, the total amount of coin in bank is now eight millions and a half. Both of these institutions will commence issuing circulation next week, and their statements will hereafter appear regularly with the others.

There is a perfect plethora of bullion in vault, and the large banks seem to be running a race as to which can make the best showing. In the aggregate they are $3,042,000 within the stringent rule prescribed by the act of 1842. In fact they are almost too strong when considered with reference to the duties they are called upon to discharge to the community. But of this they are presumed to be the best judges.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF THE NEW-ORLEANS BANKS.

BANKS.	LOANS. Dec. 5.	LOANS. Nov. 28.	SPECIE. Dec. 5.	SPECIE. Nov. 28.
Citizens'	3,033,468	3,126,720	1,608,023	1,193,895
Canal Bank	2,276,318	2,278,317	1,343,391	1,106,246
Louisiana	3,020,484	3,248,322	1,781,362	1,426,502
Louisiana State	3,021,820	3,210,190	2,219,276	1,752,023
Mech. & Trad.	561,715	564,038	281,455	276,664
Bk. of N. Orl'ns	1,308,264	1,323,328	217,005	270,402
Southern Bank	430,232	422,109	121,171	104,624
Union Bank	895,949	891,026	217,005	270,402
Bk. of J. Robb	381,538	386,020	149,473	168,186
Total	14,821,059	15,356,913	6,168,786	7,767,497
Decrease	484,854		Increase	268,582

BANKS.	CIRCULATION. Dec. 5.	CIRCULATION. Nov. 28.	DEPOSITS. Dec. 5.	DEPOSITS. Nov. 28.
Citizens' Bank	1,500,889	1,508,145	2,067,698	2,188,848
Canal Bank	504,600	509,888	968,182	928,018
Louisiana	895,094	891,289	2,814,637	2,770,851
Louisiana State	976,868	944,940	3,546,474	2,898,488
Mech. & Traders'	97,888	111,288	299,440	317,826
Bk. of N. Orleans	212,930	213,246	351,237	414,810
Southern Bank	143,095	153,260	148,904	194,019
Union Bank	268,000	272,420	397,032	427,644
Bank of J. Robb.	241,945	245,095	297,069	309,610
Total	4,123,404	4,120,574	10,690,769	10,618,516
Decrease	1,070		Increase	19,197

BANKS.	EXCHANGES. Dec. 5.	EXCHANGES. Nov. 28.	DUE DIST. BANKS. Dec. 5.	DUE DIST. BANKS. Nov. 28.
Citizens' Bank	674,108	632,370	119,812	64,020
Canal Bank	372,680	398,978	198,461	168,898
Louisiana	378,888	382,489	318,013	322,445
Louisiana State	414,099	449,077	221,811	130,023
Mech. & Traders'	61,411	49,464	19,440	18,254
Bk. New-Orleans	142,300	132,433	28,000	8,000
Southern Bank	126,644	148,000		
Union Bank	270,308	211,609	38,600	19,807
Bank of J. Robb.	3,128		14,488	
Total	2,443,566	2,014,396	818,159	732,446
Increase	229,507		Increase	264,484

Rhode Island Bank Statement.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sunday, Dec. 13.

The following is a statement of the condition of the Banks in Rhode Island, not including those of Providence, for the week ending Dec. 7:

Circulation	$3,097,369	Specie	$140,313
Deposits	709,418	Loans	7,753,896

Markets by Telegraph.

OSWEGO, Saturday, Dec. 12—6 P. M.

FLOUR unchanged; demand moderate at $4 50@$4 25 for common to extra State. WHEAT steady; sales 6,000 bushels at 81½c. for Chicago Spring and 90c. for Mediterranean. CORN quiet. *Lake Imports to-day*—24,000 bushels Wheat; 4,000 bushels Corn. *Canal Exports*—5,000 bushels wheat. *Shipped by Railroad to-day*—1,500 bbls. flour.

Weather clear and pleasant.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The sales of COTTON to-day were 3,500 bales, at unchanged prices; the market closed dull, dealers awaiting the *Europa's* advices, now fully due. Mixed CORN 60c. RYE very dull, and 90c.@$1 lower. KEG LARD 12½c. RIG CORPSE—sales to-day of 4,000 bags, mostly at 6¾c.@9c. Other articles unchanged.

MOBILE, Friday, Dec. 11.

COTTON—Sales of the week, 10,000 bales. Middling firm at 10c. Receipts of the week 17,400. Stock 90,000.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 12.

Stocks dull. Pennsylvania Fives, 85; Reading Railroad, 46½; Morris Canal, 6; Long Island Railroad, 9½; Pennsylvania Railroad, 38½.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

Name.	From.	For.	Date.
America	Boston	Liverpool	Dec. 16
Europa	New-York	Liverpool	Dec. 23
North Star	New-York	Liverpool	Dec. 26
Canada	Boston	Liverpool	Dec. 30
Persia	New-York	Liverpool	Jan. 7
City of Baltimore	New-York	Liverpool	Jan. 9
Arabia	New-York	Liverpool	Jan. 13
New-York	New-York	Glasgow	Jan. 14
Baltic	New-York	Liverpool	Jan. 16

FROM EUROPE.

Name.	From.	For.	Date.
Europa	Liverpool	New-York	Nov. 29
North Star	Southampton	New-York	Dec. 2
Canada	Liverpool	Boston	Dec. 3
Arabia	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 5
Persia	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 10
City of Baltimore	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 12
Africa	Southampton	New-York	Dec. 12
Alps	Liverpool	Boston	Dec. 12
Alps	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 12
Atlantic	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 12
Alps	Liverpool	Portland	Dec. 12